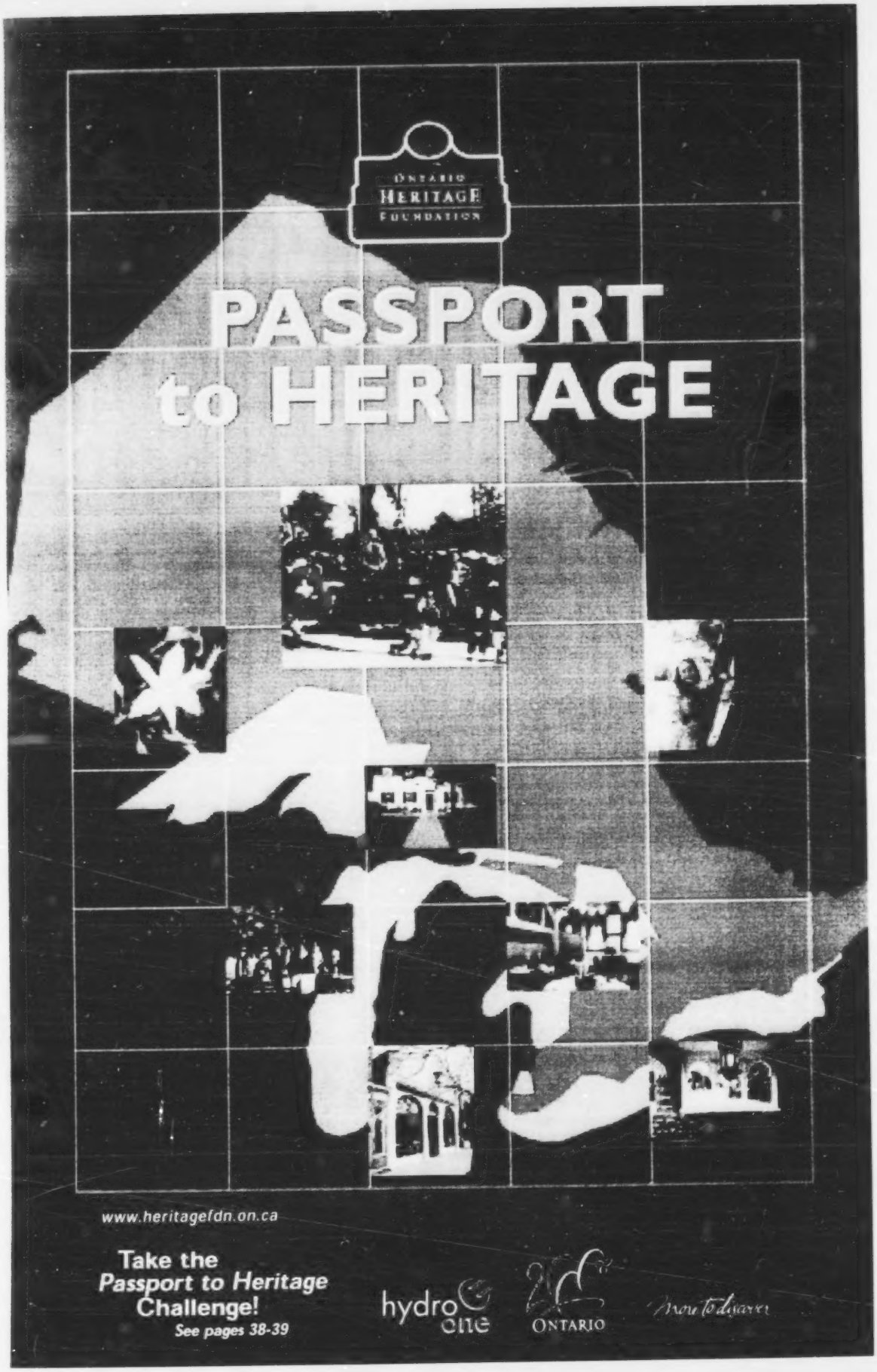
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# How to use this Passport

Discovering Ontario's rich heritage is as easy as turning the pages of this informative *Passport To Heritage*.

The *Passport* begins with 'snapshots' of key heritage properties owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Once you've read these mini-features, you'll want to discover more about Ontario's heritage treasures. And the best way to experience heritage is to enjoy the *Passport's* featured tours.

The tours feature only a sampling of the heritage sites supported by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Heritage properties with conservation easements (a voluntary legal agreement between the Foundation and the owner to protect a heritage property) are also included – look for the ✪ icon. The tours also include selected community historical sites and family-oriented tourist attractions. You are bound to discover additional heritage sites as you tour the province ... enjoy them! For detailed touring information, consult the publications produced by the Ministry of Tourism; call 1-800-ONTARIO.

Touring is simply a matter of hopping in a car, catching a train or bus, boarding a boat, pedaling a bicycle or tying up your favourite pair of walking shoes. Along the way, you'll discover a myriad of built, natural and cultural heritage attractions in every corner of the province. You'll return from your heritage tour with memories to last a lifetime.

To help you decide where to travel, the tours are divided according to Ontario's six travel regions (see map below). Just pick a region of Ontario and follow the tour. For detailed road directions, please refer to the *Ontario Official Road Map* (distributed by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism); call 1-800-ONTARIO for your free copy.

At the back of the *Passport*, we've included a list of key heritage and tourism contacts. Please contact these organizations for more information.

Don't forget to take the *Passport To Heritage* Challenge. Mail the contest form on page 39 and you could win a prize.

Save this *Passport* for future reference or share it with a family member or friend.

*Happy heritage touring!*

## *Message from* Allan Gotlieb, Chairman, Ontario Heritage Foundation

On behalf of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, I am pleased to present the *Passport to Heritage*, your guide to Ontario's rich heritage.

Embark on the *Passport's* featured tours and discover first-hand the province's heritage, including restored historical buildings, over 1,100 provincial plaques, significant natural areas and cultural artifacts.

And don't forget to take the *Passport to Heritage* Challenge. Once you've visited at least three properties supported by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, mail the contest form on page 39 and you could win a prize.

I know you and your family will enjoy Ontario's heritage experience.

Sincerely,

Allan Gotlieb

Allan Gotlieb, Chairman
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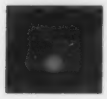

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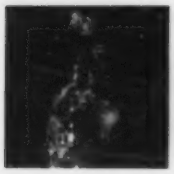


TORONTO AND AREA

# ELGIN AND WINTER GARDEN

## THEATRE CENTRE, TORONTO

**ELGIN AND WINTER GARDEN THEATRE CENTRE**

189 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario M5B 1M4
**Tel:** (416) 314-2874
**E-mail:**
arnie.lappin@heritagefdn.on.ca

Open for guided tours year-round on Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. Admission is $7 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. Group tours and French-language tours are available by appointment. Receptions for up to 650 guests can be accommodated. To make your next event a real showstopper, call (416) 314-3585 or visit *www.heritagefdn.on.ca*.

At this magnificent National Historic Site, you can bask in the gilded elegance of the Elgin Theatre, and then go upstairs to gaze in amazement at the leafy ceiling of the Winter Garden Theatre, seven storeys above the Elgin.

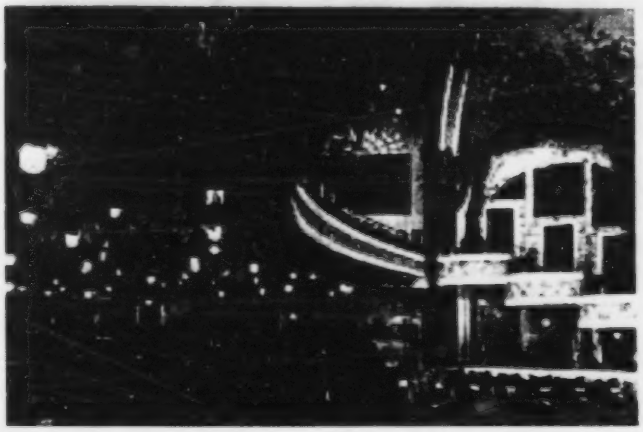
Take a guided tour to experience these majestic theatres and artifacts from their glory days, such as a silent-film projection booth, vaudeville scenery and a restored vaudeville-era dressing room.

Designed by prominent New York architect Thomas W. Lamb and built as the Canadian flagship for Marcus Loew's growing chain of vaudeville houses, the Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre contains two large theatres, stacked one above the other. Fewer than a dozen of these double-decker theatres were built, and the Toronto complex – the only one of its kind constructed in Canada – is now the last one operating in the world.

The lower house, the Elgin, originally known as Loew's Yonge Street Theatre, opened in late 1913. Its gilded plaster details, faux marble finishes and damask wall fabrics dazzled patrons. During its 30-month restoration by the Ontario Heritage Foundation in the mid-1980s, over 300,000 sheets of wafer-thin aluminum leaf were used in a seven-step process to re-gild the plaster details.

The Winter Garden Theatre opened upstairs in 1914.

Winter Garden Theatre

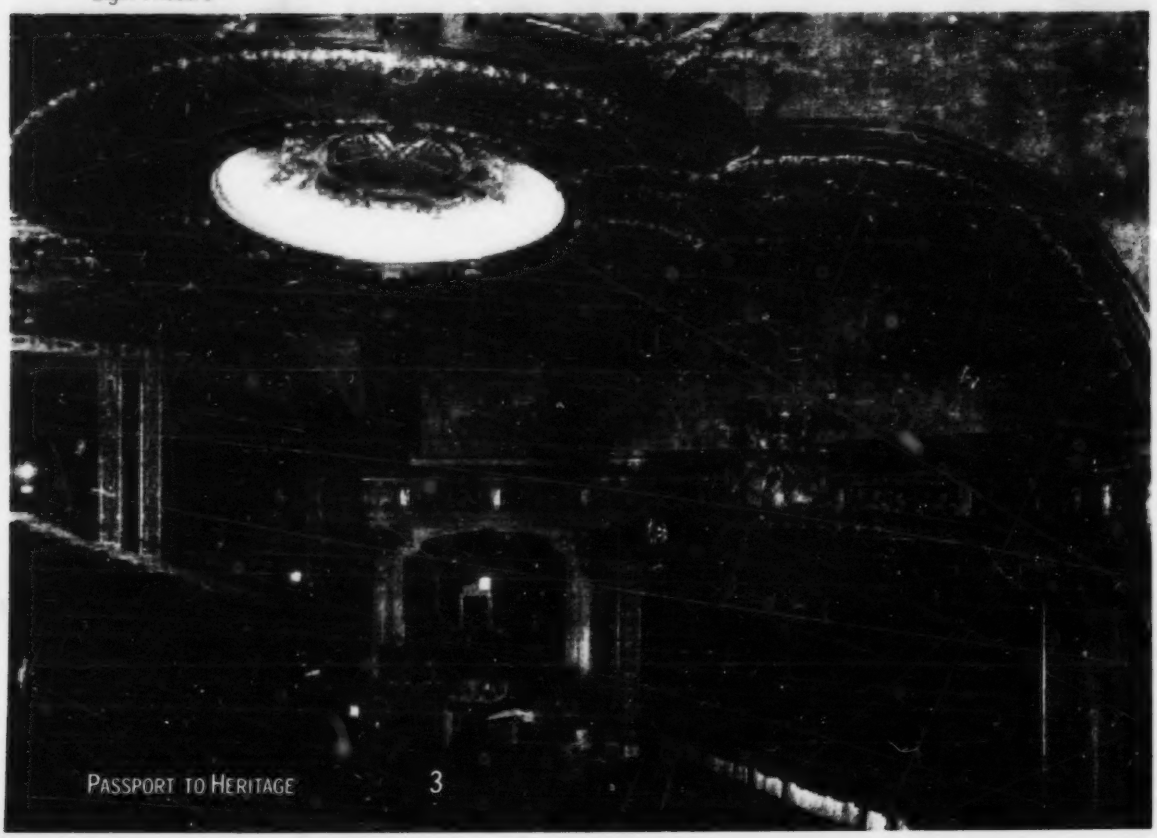


## The World's Last Operating Double-Decker Theatre

Decorated to resemble a rooftop garden in full bloom, its walls were hand-painted with garden scenes, its columns disguised as tree trunks and its ceiling and balcony soffit hung with an astonishing combination of real beech leaves, cotton blossoms and garden lanterns. For its restoration, over 5,000 real beech branches were harvested, preserved, painted and painstakingly woven into wire grids suspended from the theatre's ceiling.

The Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre is in the heart of downtown Toronto across from the Eaton Centre. Major hotels, restaurants and attractions, including the CN Tower, the Hockey Hall of Fame, the SkyDome and the Air Canada Centre, are minutes away.

Elgin Theatre



SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

# NIAGARA APOTHECARY

## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

**THE NIAGARA APOTHECARY**

5 Queen Street East
Niagara-on-the-Lake,
Ontario L0S 1J0
**Tel:** (905) 468-3845 from May to Labour Day; or (416) 962-4861 ext. 226
**E-mail:** awlosek@ocpharma.com

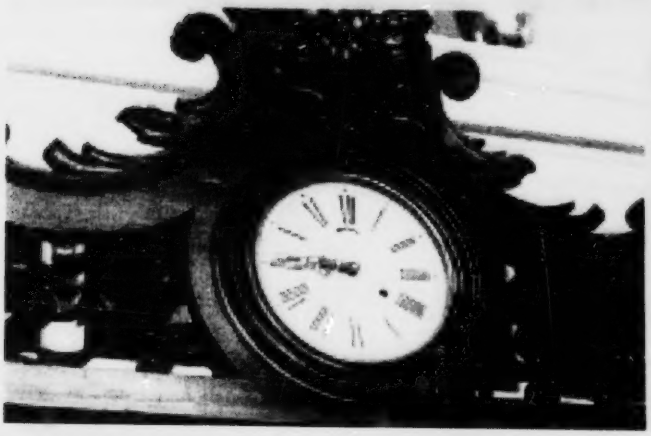
Open mid-May to Labour Day, seven days a week, from noon to 6 p.m.

Free admission.

Step through the doors of the Niagara Apothecary to see how pharmacists plied their trade over 100 years ago. Liquor by the barrel or the bottle (and even by the glass), flavourings, paints, dyes, leeches, tobacco and snuff – these were the stock-in-trade of a 19th-century apothecary.

The Niagara Apothecary, a National Historic Site, opened its doors at 5 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, in the late-1860s. It operated for over 100 years under a succession of six owners, closing in 1964. The Ontario Heritage Foundation acquired the property, led its restoration and opened it as a museum in 1971.

The original interior fittings of the Apothecary, all in use until 1964, have been painstakingly restored. You'll see rows of patent medicines and "miracle cure-alls" for everything from hair loss to tuberculosis. Since the only restorative ingredients in most patent remedies of the time were opiates and alcohol, pharmacists used a mortar and pestle to custom-make prescriptions. The hub of the Apothecary was the ornately carved and decorated dispensary, which dominates the rear of the museum. With the exception of certain proprietary drugs, even pills were made at the dispensary.



The Niagara Apothecary, operated by the Ontario College of Pharmacists on behalf of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, welcomes almost 100,000 visitors from around the world each year. Volunteer pharmacists from the college

are pleased to answer your questions about the Apothecary or remedies from days gone by.

Picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake offers visitors lots to see and do. Visit parks and wineries (by bike or car) and the town's live theatres. Other heritage attractions include Fort George, War of 1812 sites, the Laura Secord Homestead, the Niagara Historical Society Museum, the Niagara Steamship Heritage Steam Boat and MacFarland House, operated by the Niagara Parks Commission.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

# SCOTSDALE FARM

## NEAR GEORGETOWN

**SCOTSDALE FARM**

RR 1
Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 4S4
Tel: (905) 873-1931

Open year-round, seven days a week.

Free admission.

Scotsdale Farm can be rented for weddings and receptions, special events, corporate retreats and workshops. Call (416) 314-3585 for more information or visit www.heritagefdn.on.ca.

At Scotsdale Farm, you'll have lots of room to hike, enjoy a relaxing picnic, or just get away from it all.

A working farm, Scotsdale presents visitors with 215 hectares (531 acres) of pastoral countryside. Superb hiking trails run through the farm's rolling hills and woodlands. The Bruce Trail and the Bennett Heritage Trail cross the property, offering hikers hours of scenic enjoyment in this Niagara Escarpment park. (The special natural heritage features of the Niagara Escarpment prompted the United Nations to designate the escarpment a World Biosphere Reserve.)

Scotsdale Farm was bequeathed to the Ontario Heritage Foundation by Stewart and Violet (Letty) Bennett in 1982. Bennett had developed Scotsdale into an internationally renowned breeding farm for his Arabian horses and shorthorn beef cattle.

An hour's drive from Toronto, the Town of Halton Hills provides a charming rural setting. It's a popular destination for both local residents and visitors. The Halton Hills Heritage Discovery Tour includes a stop at Scotsdale Farm, as well as the Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden and Plaque on Mary Street. A list of all the suggested tour stops is available online at *www.haltonhillschamber.on.ca/tourism/attractions.html*. Other area attractions include the Streetcar Museum in Rockwood and the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton.

## A Walk on the Wild Side

EASTERN ONTARIO

# FULFORD PLACE

## BROCKVILLE

Sip tea on the sweeping veranda of this magnificent Edwardian mansion overlooking the mighty St. Lawrence River. Experience the baronial feel of the Honduras mahogany ceilings and panelled walls in the dining room, library and grand hall. Marvel at the original tapestries, paintings and furnishings that made Fulford Place an ideal residence in which to entertain royalty and prime ministers.

Built in 1899–1900, this three-storey stone mansion was home to Senator George T. Fulford and his family for over 80 years. Fulford made his fortune by marketing worldwide *Dr. Williams's Pink Pills for Pale People*, a cure-all remedy for "fatigue, stress and a poor disposition!"

The museum's popular 45-minute guided tour thrills visitors, who see how the glamorous Fulfords lived, worked and entertained. On the main floor, you'll view the French rococo drawing room, impressive grand hall, Italianate library, elegant dining room (set with one of the family's eight sets of china), quaint breakfast nook, pantry and the vault in which the household silver was stored. The lower level contains the former kitchen and laundry rooms, as well as the billiard and "smoking" rooms to which Fulford and his gentlemen guests often retreated. Seasonal exhibits

**FULFORD PLACE**

287 King Street East
Brockville, Ontario K6V 1E1
**Tel:** (613) 498-3003
**E-Mail:** fulfordplace@recorder.ca

Open for tours June through Labour Day, Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. After Labour Day to May 31, open weekends only, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for students and seniors, and $14 for families (maximum of two adults and two students). Children six years of age and under are admitted free. Group tours and French-language tours are available by appointment.

A summer visitor pass to Fulford Place and Homewood allows visitors unlimited access to both museums throughout July and August. The pass costs $6 and can be purchased at either site.

For more information about special events, seasonal exhibits, the tea room, conference and reception/wedding facilities and public programs at Fulford Place, call (613) 498-3003.

## The House That Pink Pills Built

in the gallery feature exotic works collected by the Fulfords on their world travels.

Situated in the heart of the Thousand Islands and on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, Brockville boasts terrific restaurants, live theatre, boat cruises, great shopping, historic walks, the Brockville Museum, the Brockville Railway Tunnel and a beautifully landscaped waterfront walkway.

Another Ontario Heritage Foundation property, Homewood Museum, is located in nearby Maitland, just 15 minutes east of Brockville and 10 minutes west of Prescott *(see page 10)*.

EASTERN ONTARIO

# HOMEWOOD

MAITLAND

**HOMEWOOD MUSEUM**

North side of Highway 2
RR 1
Prescott, Ontario K0E 1P0
**Tel:** (613) 498-3003
**E-mail:** fulfordplace@recorder.ca

Open seasonally and for special events. Group tours by appointment only. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for students and seniors. Children 6 years of age and under are admitted free.

A summer visitor pass to Homewood and Fulford Place allows visitors unlimited access to both museums throughout July and August. The pass costs $6 and can be purchased at either site.

Step back two centuries in time at Homewood Museum, a gracious Loyalist homestead in eastern Ontario, on County Road 2 between Maitland and Prescott.

This stone house was built in 1800 by Dr. Solomon Jones – at the time the only doctor between Gananoque and Cornwall. Although Jones often made house calls into the "back country" to treat stricken settlers (and occasionally their animals), most of his patients visited him at his home office.

Homewood, built in the late Georgian style with French-Canadian influences, contains a fascinating collection of furnishings and memorabilia accumulated over the 172 years in which it was occupied by the Jones family.

Restored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation to depict three periods of the family's occupation, Homewood consists of the main house of 1800, the kitchen wing of a decade or two later, and the large west addition of the early 1940s. Exhibits illustrate periods in the family's history and provide a glimpse of early settler life.

Under Dunham Jones and, later, Andrew Jones, Homewood became a fully developed working farm. In the 1880s, Harold Jones planted an experimental fruit orchard at Homewood. By 1900, he had developed a unique variety of snow apple, marketed under the name Jones Red Fameuse and described at the time as one of Ontario's favourite apples.

## A Loyalist Homestead

Enjoy a stroll through the property. Afterward, stop by another Ontario Heritage Foundation property, Fulford Place, in nearby Br ockville (see page 8). And be sure to take in the nearby breathtaking Thousand Islands area.

EASTERN ONTARIO

# BARNUM HOUSE

GRAFTON

**BARNUM HOUSE**

Highway 2
Grafton, Ontario K0K 2E0
**Tel:** (905) 349-2656

Open mid-May to Labour Day, Thursday to Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and for special events. Group tours available year-round by appointment. Admission is $2.50 for adults, $2 for seniors and children 12 and older, and free for children under 12.

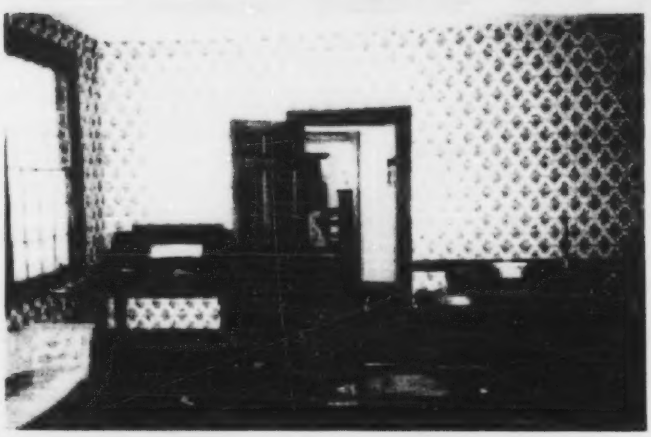
Sip tea on Sunday summer afternoons in the ballroom of Barnum House, the province's first period house museum.

Barnum House, circa 1819, is one of Ontario's finest examples of neo-classical architecture. It was home to Eliakim Barnum, who helped establish the first school in Haldimand Township and who served as the local justice of the peace. Barnum immigrated to the area from the United States in about 1807. He was also lieutenant-colonel of the Third Northumberland battalion.

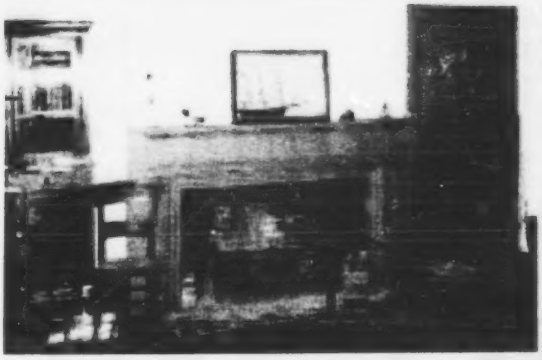
The museum was first opened in the 1940s by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, and then by Haldimand Township in 1958. The Ontario Heritage Foundation obtained Barnum House in 1982, and after extensive restoration, reopened it to the public. Original paint colours and wallpapers were carefully reproduced to show the house as it had been in the period 1820–40.

Today, Barnum House, a National Historic Site, is a community museum with interiors restored and furnished in the style of the 19th century. Displays feature period artifacts, along with exhibits of early furnishings. Annual events include a country fair, an old-fashioned Christmas dinner and demonstrations of 19th-century craft making.

After visiting Barnum House, head west to Cobourg, the birthplace of famous 1920s movie actress Marie Dressler.



## Ontario's First Period Museum



EASTERN ONTARIO

# MACDONELL-WILLIAMSON HOUSE

## POINTE FORTUNE

**MACDONELL-WILLIAMSON HOUSE**

Box 8
Chute à Blondeau, Ontario K0B 1B0
Tel: (613) 632-6662
E-mail: mwhouse@hawk.igs.net

Open weekends in August, noon to 5 p.m., and for special events. Admission is $2 for adults and free for children accompanied by adults. Call Voyages Hawkesbury Travel Inc. at 1-800-668-1690 to book a Long-Sault Tour.

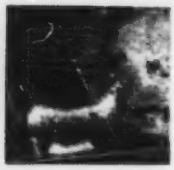
In 1813, after 19 years as a fur-trader with the North West Company, John Macdonell retired to Hawkesbury Township with his wife, Magdeleine Poitras, a Métis from Qu'Appelle, Manitoba, and their children.

Macdonell's home, known as *Poplar Villa* or *Scotus*, is a graceful adaptation of the Palladian style. It served as a centre for his milling, general merchandising, warehousing and freight-forwarding businesses.

Using the commercial instincts he had honed in the competitive fur trade, Macdonell opened a general store in Pointe Fortune, served as a freight forwarder in the movement of goods from Montreal to Hull, and sponsored the building of the *Ottawa*, the first steamboat on the Ottawa River. He also made noteworthy contributions to the region's public life as a judge in the Ottawa district in 1816, and later as a member of the Upper Canada House of Assembly. Macdonell died in Pointe Fortune in 1850.

The house was purchased by William Williamson in 1882 and remained within his family until the early 1960s. In 1978, it was acquired by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Today, the Friends of the Macdonell-Williamson House/Les amis de la maison Macdonell-Williamson operate this partially restored historic house, which features a general store, a tea room, historical displays and special events.

The house is part of the Ottawa River region's Long-Sault Tour, which feature visits to historic villages and sites, including



## A Fine Example of Georgian Architecture in Eastern Ontario

Argenteuil Regional Museum, the Quebec Hydro Dam, a memorial monument to Olivier Guimond and Caledonia Springs.

NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

# SIR HARRY OAKES CHATEAU

## KIRKLAND LAKE

**SIR HARRY OAKES CHATEAU**

2 Chateau Drive
Kirkland Lake, Ontario P2N 3M7
**Tel:** (705) 568-8800

Open year-round Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults, $1.75 for students and seniors, $1 for children between the ages of 5 and 13, and free for children under 5.

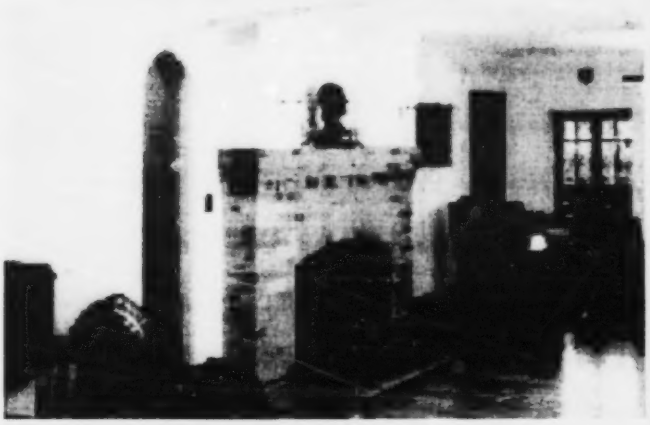
Explore the impressive chateau of the eccentric Sir Harry Oakes, the famous prospector of the gold-mining era that put Kirkland Lake on the map.

The chateau, built in 1930, incorporates remnants of Oakes' 1915 log dwelling, which burned down in 1929. Covered by a distinctive copper roof, it boasts unique architectural and design features, and four fireplaces. The nursery walls are adorned with plaster reliefs of fairy tales, toys and wildlife. The chateau is also home to the Museum of Northern History.

The chateau was a place to entertain the "movers and shakers" of the local gold-mining industry. Oakes himself worked in mining camps throughout the world before hitting the jackpot in the Kirkland Lake gold boom. He moved to the Bahamas in 1935 and died there in 1943, the victim of an unsolved murder.

At the museum, you'll learn about early life in Kirkland Lake and northeastern Ontario. Exhibits include a stuffed animal display – a favourite of children – and an exhibit that tells the tales of the men and women who served in both world wars.

Other displays focus on the history of the region, its agriculture and mining industries, and its colourful personalities. Regular exhibits showcase the work of area artists and local history. A must-see is the hauntingly beautiful *Memorial Book* commemorating Oakes' death, hand-lettered in gold leaf with an oak leaf motif by Group of Seven artist A.J. Casson



## First Stop on the Mile of Gold

Enjoy the great outdoors at nearby Esker Lakes Provincial Park or take the self-guided historical/geological walking tour (a brochure/map is available at both the museum and the Kirkland Lake town hall). Local points of interest include the Miners' Memorial Monument, the Arctic Watershed, Mount Cheminis and the mine shafts along Government Road.

NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO

# HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

## STAFF AND SERVANT HOUSES, MOOSE FACTORY

**HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY STAFF AND SERVANT HOUSES**

P.O. Box 360
Moose Factory, Ontario P0L 1W0
**Tel:** (705) 658-6200

Open July and August, seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Hudson's Bay Company buildings and Centennial Park is free. Call Ontario Northland at 1-800-268-9281 for information on the Polar Bear Express.

Moose Factory, an island just south of James Bay, was established in 1673 as the main trading post of the Hudson's Bay Company. It is Canada's oldest English-speaking community. The company's staff house and three servant houses recall the settlement's bygone era.

The Hudson's Bay Company began as a fur-trading enterprise in 1670, evolving into a trading and exploration company that spanned Canada and parts of the United States. The company remains Canada's oldest corporation and one of its largest retailers.

The staff house, built in 1847–50, is the last surviving officers' dwelling in Canada. In addition to the company's officers, it accommodated doctors, accounting clerks and visiting ship captains. Today, the main floor houses period artifacts, including wooden head stones.

The three servant houses were built by the Hudson's Bay Company for its employees. William McLeod House was built in 1889–90 by William McLeod for the company to house his brother, company shipwright George McLeod. Twenty years later, when George was assigned to manage a new fur-trading post, the newly married William moved in.

Another house, the oldest known surviving Hudson's Bay Company log house in Canada, was built in 1863–64 for Joseph Turner, following his retirement at 81 years of age. Turner had joined the company at the age of 15 and rose to the senior rank of interpreter for the chief trader.

## Survivors of the Fur-Trading Era

The third house, built in 1926, was given by the Hudson's Bay Company to an influential Cree trapper, Ham Sackabuckiskum.

Moose Factory and the staff and servant houses are one of the stops along Ontario Northland Railway's *Polar Bear Express*, an exciting 300-kilometre (186-mile) journey from Cochrane north to Moosonee. Other points of interest in Moose Factory include the blacksmith shop, museum, the Hudson's Bay Company cemetery and the historic Anglican church – all located in Centennial Park.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

# MATHER-WALLS HOUSE

## KENORA

**MATHER-WALLS HOUSE**

1116 Ottawa Street
Kenora, Ontario P0X 1C0
Tel: (807) 547-2870

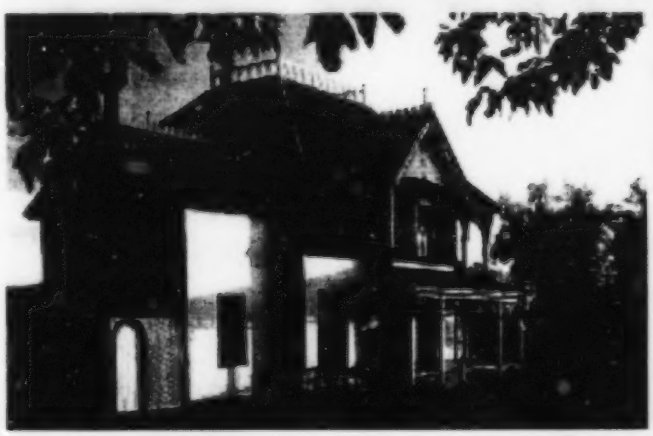
Open July and August, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults, $1 for children and $5 for families. Guided tours are available for $5 for adults, $1 for children and $7 for families. Group tours are available year-round by appointment only.

The Mather-Walls House in Keewatin (now part of Kenora in northwestern Ontario) reflects the vision of one man – John Mather.

Mather, a native of Scotland who emigrated to Canada in 1857, became Keewatin's first postmaster and school board chairman. A shrewd businessman, he acquired the lumber rights to an area around Lake of the Woods at a time when railway construction dominated the local economy. Mather formed the Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company and hired workers from as far away as Scotland.

In 1889, Mather built three almost identical houses for his employees. The first and third have undergone significant alterations over the years. The second, originally the residence of Mather's son David, is now known as the Mather-Walls House.

Preserved by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the Mather-Walls House is a conservative version of the exuberant Queen Anne style. Located on a hill, it originally overlooked the lumber and flour mills across the bay. Today it is home to the Lake of the Woods Historical Society. The house features furnishings from the era of the Walls family, who lived there from the early 1900s, as well as an interpretive display highlighting the Mather family's significant impact on the development of the area.



The tri-towns of Keewatin, Kenora and Jaffray Melick are situated on the northernmost

## A Restrained Version of the Queen Anne Style

shores of beautiful Lake of the Woods. They offer all the amenities of home alongside the open spaces of Canada's wilderness, plus outstanding fishing and hunting. Attractions include the Kenora Harbourfront and Husky the Muskie in McLeod Park.

## TORONTO: HERITAGE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Downtown North – Downtown Central – Downtown South – The Lakeshore

*8 kilometres (5 miles)*

*Toronto and Area*

**PROVINCIAL PLAQUES**

**QUEEN'S PARK**

**Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe** (1752–1806) founded York (Toronto), initiated major roads and communication routes and encouraged immigration. Second floor, near the Legislative Chambers, Queen's Park.

**The Discovery of Insulin** (1921) was achieved by Frederick Banting and Charles Best. They successfully proved the life-saving properties of insulin in the treatment of diabetes. In front of the Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, University of Toronto campus.

*A walking-friendly area (with excellent public transit to help tired feet), downtown Toronto offers a wealth of historic sites, museums and cultural attractions. Join an organized historical walking tour of the downtown or grab a street map and venture out on your own!*

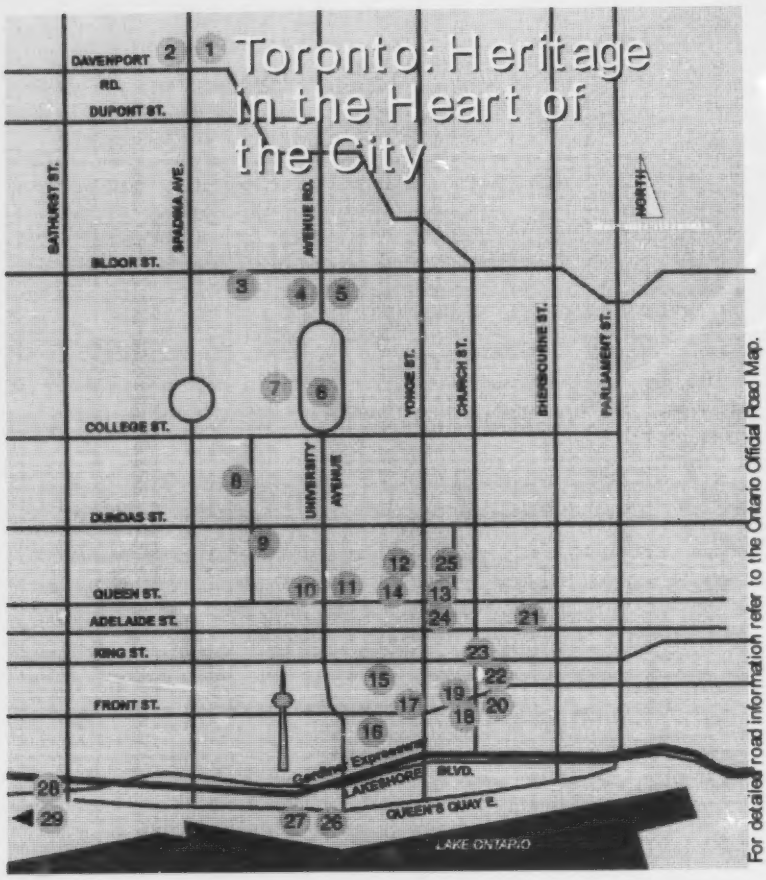
### DOWNTOWN NORTH

Tour Spadina Historic House 1 (pronounced "spa-deen-a," not "spa-dye-na" like the nearby avenue of the same name). This sumptuous 1866 estate, with splendid Victorian and Edwardian gardens, was built for financier James Austin, and is now co-owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation and the City of Toronto. Experience the romance of a castle in the city at Casa Loma 2, which features secret passages, horse stables, stately towers and a conservatory. Constructed between 1911 and 1914 for Sir Henry Pellatt, it was the largest private home ever built in Canada at the time. Its gardens were beautifully restored in 1987.

If the shoe fits . . . visit the Bata Shoe Museum 3 on Bloor Street West. While away an afternoon at the Royal Ontario Museum 4 or the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art 5. The Queen's Park building 6 is home to the Ontario legislature. Take a guided tour of this impressive Romanesque-revival style pink granite building, and ask to see the dinosaur fossils lodged in the marble columns.

### DOWNTOWN CENTRAL

West of Queen's Park is the campus of the University of Toronto 7, which boasts eight provincial plaques. View the exterior of the home of George Brown 8, a Father of Confederation, at 186 Beverley Street. Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, this handsome Second-Empire-style house is where Brown died in 1880 from a gunshot wound. Visit the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) and tour The Grange 9, the AGO's historic first location and Toronto's oldest standing brick house (1817).




Walk south to Queen Street West and head east to see Campbell House 10, the oldest remaining building from the Town of York. Tour Osgoode Hall 11 (1832), home to the Law Society of Upper Canada (see Provincial Plaques). Walk through the Eaton Centre shopping mall to Yonge Street, then head for the Church of the Holy Trinity 12, Toronto's oldest church (see Provincial Plaques). Tour the elegant Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre 13 at 189 Yonge Street, the last double-decker theatre complex in the world (see feature on page 2). Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the two theatres offer live productions. See the impressive Old City Hall 14 at Bay Street and Queen Street West, located across from the Nathan Phillips Square and the New City Hall.

# TORONTO: HERITAGE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

## Downtown South

View the art-deco-style Design Exchange 15 at 234 Bay Street, housed in the former Toronto Stock Exchange building. Walk south to see the landmark Union Station 16, a frequent movie stand-in for Grand Central Station. Opened in 1927, the train station features 22 limestone pillars. Note the distinctive arched ceiling in the Great Hall. After visiting the Hockey Hall of Fame 17, housed in the ornate former Bank of Montreal building (1885), walk east to see the 1872 commercial building 18 at 47 and 49 Front Street East ✪, remarkable for its cast iron façade (and one of only three such buildings left in Canada). Pose for a photo in front of the landmark Gooderham Building ✪ 19 (1891), the wedge-shaped 'Flatiron' building at 49 Wellington Street East that was once the headquarters for the Gooderham and Worts distillery.

Stop in at the St. Lawrence Market 20 (1845), once the home of Toronto's first council chamber and now a thriving fresh food bazaar. Mail a letter from Toronto's First Post Office 21 (260 Adelaide Street East). Continue your heritage tour by walking west on Adelaide Street to Jarvis Street. Head south to see the historic St. Lawrence Hall 22 at 159 King Street East. Walk past the Cathedral Church of St. James 23, the fourth church on this site since 1797, then stroll north through the gardens of St. James Park. On Adelaide Street East 24, you'll find the office of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, a National Historic Site that was the former Canadian Birkbeck Investment and Savings Company. Walk north to tour the late 1850s row house once owned by William Lyon Mackenzie 25, Toronto's first mayor and leader of the 1837 Upper Canada Rebellion (82 Bond Street).

### Queen Street West

**Old City Hall** (1899–1965) was designed in the Romanesque revival style by E.J. Lennox, who also designed part of the legislature building at Queen's Park, as well as the King Edward Hotel. 60 Queen Street West.

**Mary Pickford** (1893-1979), born in Toronto, was "America's Sweetheart." Pickford's golden curls and children's roles, which she played well into her adult life, endeared her to millions of cinema-goers. On the grounds of the Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue.

**The Church of the Holy Trinity** (1847) is a Gothic-style Anglican church built with a donation by a Mrs. Swale of Yorkshire. She stipulated that parishioners must never be charged pew rentals. 19 Trinity Square, off Bay Street behind the Eaton Centre.

### The Lakeshore

**Toronto Island** began to form 8,000 years ago as sand from eroding bluffs washed westward. The resulting long, curving peninsula created a large natural harbour for the future city of Toronto. Near the ferry dock, Ward's Island.

**The Lake Lighthouse** dates from 1808 and is one of the oldest surviving lighthouse on the Great Lakes. At the lighthouse, Gibraltar Point, Toronto Islands.

## The Lakeshore

Walk along Toronto's waterfront, where the city's history began in 1793. See top-notch performers at the Harbourfront Centre 26. Tour The Pier: Toronto's Waterfront Museum 27, a nautical adventure centre exploring the history of Toronto Harbour as well as traditional boat-building. Hop on a ferry to the Toronto Islands for a superb panoramic view of the city skyline.

See military demonstrations and Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings at Historic Fort York 28. At Ontario Place 29, hear the boom of the noon-time salute aboard the HMCS Haida Naval Museum, a Second World War tribal class destroyer. From here, you can also pick up the Lake Ontario Waterfront Trail, which stretches 350 kilometres (217 miles) along the shoreline, from Stoney Creek in the west to Quinte West (Trenton) in the east.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Central* | Enoch Turner School House |
| | Riverdale Farm |
| | The Scadding Cabin |
| | Colborne Lodge |
| | Redpath Sugar Museum |
| | CBC Museum |
| *East* | R.C. Harris Filtration Plant |
| | Scarborough Historical Museum |
| | Todmorden Mills |
| | Rouge Park |
| *North* | Gibson House |
| | Ontario Science Centre |
| | Black Creek Pioneer Village |
| | Historic Zion School House |
| *West* | Montgomery's Inn |
| | Applewood |

Flatiron Building

## GOLDEN HORSESHOE HERITAGE TOUR

Burlington – Hamilton – Stoney Creek – St. Catharines – Niagara-on-the-Lake – Queenston – Niagara Falls

*117 kilometres (72 miles)*

*Southwestern Ontario*

*Experience the thundering power of Niagara Falls. Drive past lush orchards in the heart of the Niagara fruit belt, savour samplings from dozens of award-winning wineries and discover the region's early roots.*

### BURLINGTON

Start your tour in Burlington and learn about Joseph Brant, the great Mohawk chief, at the Joseph Brant Museum (see Provincial Plaques) or tour the Ireland House at Oakridge Farm, a restored 1835 house. Costumed interpreters guide you through the Spruce Lane Farm House, an 1899 "working" farmhouse situated in Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Take time to smell the roses – and the peonies, lilacs and many other blooms at the Royal Botanical Gardens. The gardens feature a Carolinian forest, the world's largest lilac collection, 250,000 irises and 100,000 tulips.

### HAMILTON

This city is crammed with fascinating museums. From the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, the Children's Museum and the Museum of Steam and Technology✪, to the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital Museum and the Ontario Workers Arts and Heritage Centre, there's something for everyone. Explore the splendour of Dundurn National Historic Site, featuring the Hamilton Military Museum and Dundurn Castle✪, which was built in the Italianate villa style for Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Prime Minister of the United Provinces of Canada (1854–56). MacNab is also responsible for choosing the site of the former Hamilton Customs House✪ (1858). The Stuart Street building is one of a few in the city to have survived relatively unaltered.

Step back in time at Whitehern, once home to Thomas Baker McQuesten, founder of the Royal Botanical Gardens (see Provincial Plaques). Hike and bird-watch on the Niagara Escarpment at three nearby conservation areas – Dundas

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

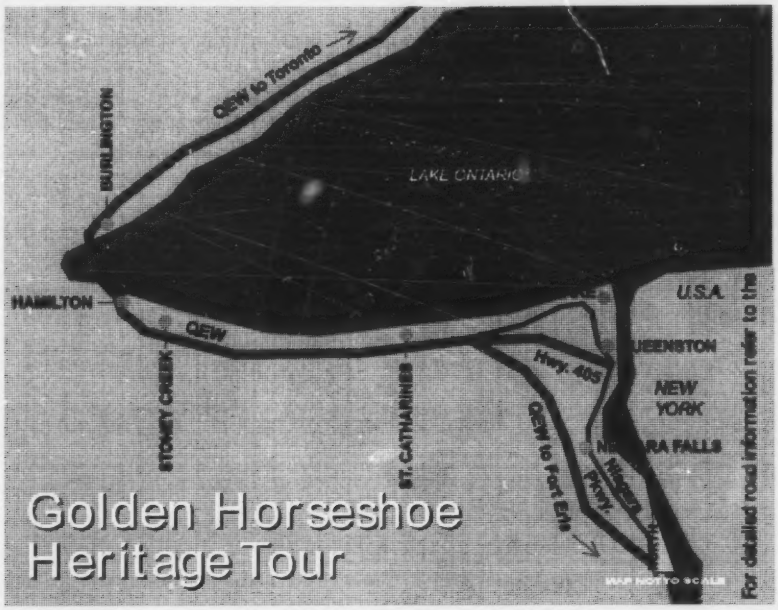
**BURLINGTON**

**The Brant House,** built around 1800 by renowned Mohawk leader Joseph Brant (Thayendaneges) on Brant's Tract (now Burlington) stood until 1932. A replica incorporating the staircase and other original features was constructed five years later. 1240 North Shore Boulevard.

**HAMILTON**

**Thomas Baker McQuesten** (1882–1948) created many parks and landscape projects in the 1930s and 1940s as Minister of Highways and chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission. York Boulevard, south side.

**The Nine-Hour Movement** was an effort by unionists across Ontario in 1872 to gain a standard nine-hour working day. Victoria Park.

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Valley, Tiffany Falls and Spencer Gorge. Recognized as one of Canada's most scenic landforms and named a World Biosphere Reserve, the Niagara Escarpment is a massive ridge of sedimentary rock formed 450 million years ago, and home to hundreds of species of flora and fauna.

STONEY CREEK

Tour the Gothic revival Women's Institute, the former home of Erland and Janet Lee, co-founders of the institute, and now a museum. Exhibits focus on household furnishings, agricultural artifacts, the Lee family, the Women's Institute organization and local history. Witness the re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek at Battlefield House Museum. Hike the trails at Devil's Punch Bowl Conservation Area.

ST. CATHARINES

Watch Great Lakes freighters being lifted up the Welland Canal at Lock 3 (see Provincial Plaques). At the St. Catharines Museum, learn the story of this historic navigational lifeline and the city that grew up around it. View the imposing St. Catharines Courthouse on King Street. St. Catharines began as a Loyalist settlement and later became a destination for the Underground Railroad. Today, the city hosts the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in early August and the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival in late September.

# GOLDEN HORSESHOE HERITAGE TOUR

### NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

Taste the vintages of internationally-renowned wineries. Take in a theatrical performance at the stately Shaw Festival's Court House Theatre ✪, housed in the former Niagara Court House. Or simply stroll along the town's historic main street. The first capital of Upper Canada (see Provincial Plaques), Niagara-on-the-Lake boasts 17 Ontario Heritage Foundation Provincial Plaques. Learn how prescriptions and pills were dispensed 100 years ago during a free tour of the Niagara Apothecary, a National Historic Site owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation that features original glass and ceramic containers and an original carved wood dispensary. *See feature on page 4.*

Stroll residential streets lined with Victorian homes. Stay overnight in one of the many historic hotels and inns. Tour Fort George, a National Historic Site that brings to life the military history of the Niagara River frontier during the War of 1812. View artifacts of Niagara-on-the-Lake's military and social history at the Niagara Historical Society Museum. Sample home baking and tea at McFarland House, an early Georgian home restored to the 1840s period.

### QUEENSTON

As you head south along the picturesque Niagara Parkway, enjoy a picnic at one of the area's many parks, then visit the homestead of War of 1812 heroine Laura Secord (see Provincial Plaques). Learn about early printing at the Mackenzie Heritage Printery, where William Lyon Mackenzie, leader of the Rebellion of 1837, published his newspaper.

### ST CATHARINES

**The First Welland Canal** (1824–33) consisted of 40 small wooden locks along a narrow canal between Port Dalhousie and Port Colborne, linking Lake Ontario to Lake Erie. Near the site of former Lock 6, Centennial Gardens Park.

**Richard Pierpoint** was one of the first Black settlers in the Niagara region. The slave of a British officer, he gained his freedom by enlisting with the British forces during the American Revolution. Centennial Gardens, Oakdale Avenue, near where Pierpoint settled.

### NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

**The Town of Niagara,** originally Newark, was settled in the 1780s by United Empire Loyalist refugees. The site of the first sessions of the Upper Canada parliament (1792), it was also home to Ontario's first newspaper, the *Upper Canada Gazette* (1793), and boasted Upper Canada's first circulating library (80 books in 1800). Plaques located along King and Queen streets.

### QUEENSTON

**Laura Ingersoll Secord** (1775–1868) walked 30 kilometres (19 miles) from her Queenston home through American lines in June 1813 to warn the British of an impending American attack. At Secord's former home, now the Laura Secord Homestead Museum, 29 Queenston Street.

## NIAGARA FALLS

Come for the falls. Stay to see the many heritage attractions. Learn what happened at the Battle of Lundy's Lane at the Lundy's Lane Historical Museum, housed in a heritage building. Explore the rural life of Willoughby Township from pioneer days to 1968 at the Willoughby Historical Museum. Spot more than 50 species of butterflies at the Niagara Parks Butterfly Conservatory, on the grounds of the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Mississauga* | Benares |
| *Oakville* | Erchless Estate (Oakville Museum) |
| *Milton* | The Farm Museum |
| | Crawford Lake Iroquoian Village |
| *Jordan* | Jordan Historical Museum of The Twenty |

Niagara Falls

## GRAND RIVER HERITAGE TOUR

**Fergus – Elora – West Montrose – Guelph – Halton Hills – Cambridge – Brantford – Dunnville**

***220 kilometres (136 miles)***

***Southwestern Ontario***

*Historic limestone buildings, limestone canyons and an abundance of heritage sites await visitors to the picturesque towns lining the banks of the Grand River, named a Canadian Heritage River for its beauty and historical importance.*

### FERGUS

Fergus, on the banks of the Grand, was founded by two Scottish Highlanders more than 165 years ago (see Provincial Plaques). Stroll its historic streets lined with limestone buildings, and sample the wares of local vendors and farmers at the Fergus Market, housed in what was originally a foundry (circa 1877). Wander the heritage gardens and explore the exhibits of the Wellington County Museum and Archives, a National Historic Site recognized as Canada's oldest house of industry. Visit the Gothic-revival-style St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (see Provincial Plaques). Time your visit for August's Highland Games or September's International Plowing Match.

### ELORA

Explore the caves, waterfalls and rapids of the spectacular Elora Gorge where the Grand River tumbles 15 metres (49 feet) over a waterfall, then rushes 2 kilometres (1.24 miles) through a limestone canyon up to 25 metres (82 feet) deep. Wander through the town's quaint streets to glimpse its history as a bustling mill town, founded in 1832 (see Provincial Plaques).

### WEST MONTROSE

Make the short drive south to the Kissing Bridge, the last remaining traditional covered bridge in Ontario, built in 1881 with a 59-metre (194-foot) span across the Grand River.

**PROVINCIAL PLAQUES**

**FERGUS**

**The Founders of Fergus** were two Highlanders – Adam Fergusson and James Webster – who bought 2,800 hectares (7,000 acres) of uncleared land in 1833 and laid out the town site. Public Library, 190 St. Andrew's Street.

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** was a big step up for local parishioners. Constructed in 1835, it replaced a tavern as their place of worship. The present Gothic revival church dates from 1862. 325 St. George Street West.

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GUELPH

Wide avenues shaded by the leafy canopies of maple trees and century-old limestone homes await visitors to Guelph, a city rich in architectural heritage. Tour the home of Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, author of the famous poem of remembrance, In Flander's Fields. Gaze up at the detailed limestone carvings gracing the 1856 Guelph City Hall• •to identify Zeus, as well as a river god and a bull's head. The Old Wellington County Court House• •on Woolwich Street is reminiscent of a medieval fort. Nearby, the former Wellington Hotel• , a triangular 1877 building at Wyndham and Woolwich streets, is a prominent local landmark. At the 165-hectare (408-acre) University of Guelph arboretum, wander through the Japanese, English and wildlife gardens featuring 3,000 trees and shrubs.

HALTON HILLS

Head northeast from Guelph to the area of Eden Mills to visit the Streetcar and Transit Museum. Ride a 3-kilometre (1.8 mile) track aboard a variety of restored electric street-cars, intercity passenger cars or working cars such as snowplows. Continue on to Scotsdale Farm in Halton Hills for a picnic or to hike the Bruce Trail, part of the Niagara Escarpment. Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Scotsdale is a working farm offering 215 hectares (531 acres) of pastoral countryside, wooded trails and scenic vistas. See feature on page 6.

# GRAND RIVER HERITAGE TOUR

### CAMBRIDGE

Browse the antique shops for hidden treasures, stopping to dine at one of the many restaurants situated in historic buildings. The banks of the Grand River make for pleasant strolls, while canoeists can paddle a day-trip from Cambridge to Paris to enjoy an almost unbroken 20-kilometre (12.4 mile) stretch of the Grand River Forest, containing Carolinian forest species rare to Canada, remnants of prairie and oak savannah and scenic bluffs.

### BRANTFORD

Drop the names of a few hometown heroes while you're here: hockey great Wayne Gretzky, Group of Seven painter Lawren Harris, telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell, to name a few. Steep yourself in aboriginal culture in this city named in honour of Iroquois leader Joseph Brant, who brought the Six Nations to settle this area following the American Revolution. Visit Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks, built in 1785 and designated in 1904. Explore the culture of the Eastern Woodland First Peoples at the Woodland Cultural Centre, then visit Kanata Village, a recreated longhouse village with interactive displays.

Tour the Brant County Museum and Archives where exhibits depict the early history and development of the area. See the museum's collection of Harrison M. Scheak decorative arts on display at the downtown Market Square. Step into the home of Alexander Graham Bell, a National Historic Site furnished much as it was when the inventor lived here. View the Myrtleville House Museum's collection of silver, cut glass and furnishings that belonged to the original owners of this 1837 home. Explore military history dating back to the 1700s at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum.

### ELORA

**The Founder of Elora,** William Gilkison bought 5,600 hectares (14,000 acres) in the area in 1832 and laid out a town site at the falls of the Grand River, establishing a sawmill and general store the following year. Town Square, Geddes Street.

### ROCKWOOD

**Rockwood Academy** (1850) operated for 32 years as a boys' boarding school known for its high academic standards. Now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.
Main Street South.

### CAMBRIDGE

**Tassie's School,** more formally known as the Galt Grammar School, received praise for its high academic standards under the direction of William Tassie, headmaster from 1853 to 1881. The school was among the province's first to be made a collegiate institute. Galt Collegiate and Vocational Institute, 244 Bridge Street North.

**DUNNVILLE**

Nature lovers and bird watchers: Heaven awaits you in the bountiful marshes near Dunnville! Swimmers, dip into Ontario's largest outdoor swimming pools (0.8 hectares/2 acres) at the Byng Island Conservation Area. Rock Point Provincial Park offers a lush Carolinian forest (home to the opossum, the only marsupial found in Canada), monarch butterflies (in September), and 350-million-year-old fossils embedded in shoreline limestone shelves.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Onondanga* | Chiefswood |
| *St. George* | Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead |
| *Kitchener* | Joseph Schneider Haus |
| | Doon Heritage Crossroads |
| | Homer Watson House and Gallery |
| | Pioneer Memorial Tower |
| | Woodside National Historic Site |
| *Baden* | Castle Kilbride |

Scotsdale Farm

## TALBOT TRAIL

Windsor – Leamington/Pelee Island – St. Thomas – Tillsonburg – Port Burwell – Port Rowan – Port Dover – Simcoe – Cayuga – Port Colborne – Fort Erie

*510 kilometres (315 miles)*

*Southwestern Ontario*

*Take the Talbot Trail and stroll the "City of Roses." Experience life as it might have been in the 1800s and learn about the War of 1812. Motor past rich farmland, wriggle your toes into the sandy Lake Erie shoreline or hike through Canada's Carolinian forest.*

### WINDSOR

Walk this "City of Roses" and enjoy its historical sites. Visit Windsor's Community Museum, or the Wood Carving Museum, featuring traditional, contemporary, historical and wildlife carvings. View the exterior of Duff-Baby House at 221 Mill Street (see Provincial Plaques). Built in 1798 as a trading warehouse and later refurbished as a residence for a prosperous merchant family, it is now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Cruise the river by boat and admire the Windsor and Detroit skylines.

### LEAMINGTON/PELEE ISLAND

Escape the city and head southeast to Leamington, the "Tomato Capital of Canada." This major canning centre is surrounded by fertile farmland. Rent a bike or hike along nature trails at Point Pelee National Park, mainland Canada's most southern tip – on the same latitude as northern California. Catch a ferry to Pelee Island, a refuge for many rare, threatened and endangered flora and fauna. Mill Point, a 0.8-hectare (two-acre) strip of shoreline on the east side of the island, is a protected area and the habitat of the endangered Lake Erie Water Snake.

### ST. THOMAS

Stroll the pleasant streets lined with Victorian architecture. Take your pick of museums – the Pioneer, Military and Railway museums are all located here. Have your photo taken with a life-sized statue of Jumbo, the famous circus elephant killed by a train here in 1885 (see Provincial Plaques).

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

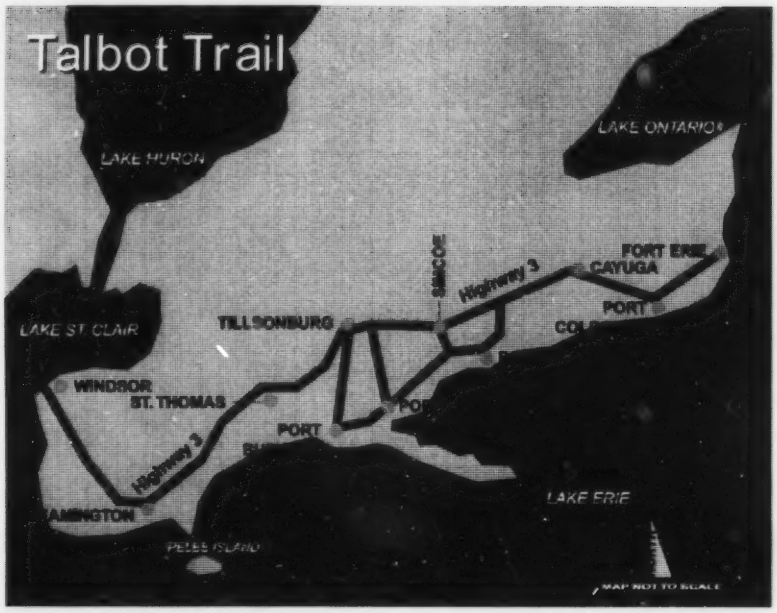
**WINDSOR**

**James Baby** was a prominent Upper Canada politician, military officer and businessman from an old Quebec family. At his former residence, Duff-Baby House, 221 Mill Street.

**Sandwich First Baptist Church** (1851), built from hand-hewn lumber and bricks moulded from Detroit River clay, was founded by Black freedom-seekers who followed the Underground Railroad to Canada. 3652 Peter Street.

**PELEE ISLAND**

**The Battle of Pelee Island** (1838) saw a force of infantry, militia and First Nations cross the ice and rout 300 American supporters of William Lyon Mackenzie's rebellion. At Pelee Island Public School, North Shore and Victoria roads, Scudder, Pelee Island.

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TILLSONBURG

Walk Ontario's widest street, aptly called Broadway. Tour the Victorian rooms of Annandale National Historic Site. Visit the Station Arts Centre, located in two historic train stations.

PORT BURWELL

Drive south to Lake Erie, then hug the shoreline to Port Burwell. There you can scan the horizon from one of Canada's oldest lighthouses at the Marine Museum and Historical Lighthouse. Dip your toes in the lapping lake waters along the 2-kilometre (1.2-mile) white sand beach at Port Burwell Provincial Park.

PORT ROWAN

Plan to spend a couple of hours just north of this lakeside community at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. Hike a 12-kilometre (7.5-mile) Backus Woods trail amid the flora and fauna of Canada's largest remaining example of Carolinian forest. Visit the area's nature centre, the John Backhouse gristmill (circa 1798) – the longest continuously operating mill in Ontario. The Heritage Village features log homes, an octagonal schoolhouse and a blacksmith shop. To the south is the 3,200-hectare (8,000-acre) Long Point National Wildlife Area, designated a World Biosphere Reserve.

# TALBOT TRAIL

### PORT DOVER

This picturesque town is the area's freshwater fishing hub. Bone up on your fishing and marine history at the Harbour Museum, and view the William P. Snyder Junior, a 1912 Great Lakes freighter. The new Eastern Lake Erie Fisherman's Heritage Memorial on Harbour Street honours those who lost their lives on Lake Erie.

### SIMCOE

Stop at this pretty town and visit the Eva Brook Donly Museum, a restored mansion with a varied collection. Drop in to the Lynnwood Arts Centre, a National Historic Site featuring art galleries, a Sports Hall of Recognition and more.

### CAYUGA

Open your parasol and stroll the grounds of Ruthven Park, an excellent example of mid-19th-century landscape design. Take a guided tour of the 36-room Greek revival Ruthven mansion✪. The mansion features original furnishings that once belonged to five generations of the local Thompson family. Enjoy the aboriginal, pioneer and Victorian displays at the Haldimand-Norfolk Museum.

### PORT COLBORNE

Bask in the sun at Nickel Beach and admire the ships as they enter the historic Welland Canal.

### FORT ERIE

Continue your Talbot Trail adventure with an afternoon at a recreated 1812 British garrison at Historic Fort Erie. Tour the Railway Museum, the Ridgeway Battlefield Museum and the Fort Erie Historical Museum.

**ST. THOMAS**
**St. Thomas' Church** (1824) is considered one of the finest examples of early English Gothic revival architecture remaining in Ontario. 55 Walnut Street.

**Jumbo,** the African elephant cheered by audiences across North America, was touring with the Barnum and Bailey Circus in 1885 when he was killed by a train. Near the site of his demise, Woodworth Avenue at the CNR crossing, opposite the Erie Iron Works.

**CAYUGA**
**The Haldimand Grant** (1784) was given by the British government to the Six Nations Iroquois for the loss of their land in New York State during the American Revolution. At the Haldimand Court House, Echo Street (within the area of the former land grant).

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Amherstburg* | Park House |
| *St. George* | Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead |
| *London* | Eldon House |
| | Banting Museum and Education Centre |
| | Fanshawe Pioneer Village |
| | London Museum of Archaeology |
| | London Regional Children's Museum |
| | Royal Canadian Regiment Museum |
| | Canadian Medical Hall of Fame |

Ruthven mansion

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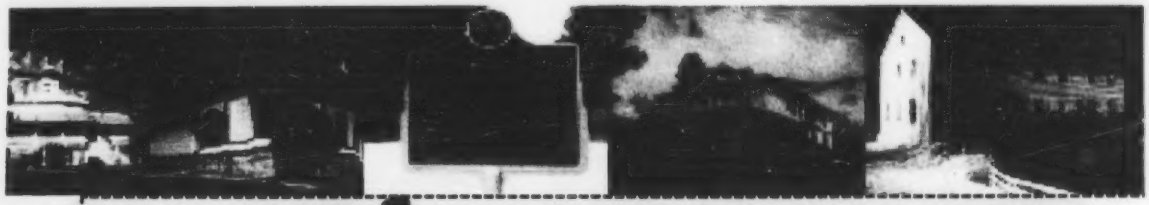
- A gift basket consisting of: guided mansion tour for two to Fulford Place in Brockville, ***plus*** lunch for two at Pippin's Restaurant in Brockville ($40 value), ***plus*** two Fulford Place coffee mugs, ***plus*** a Fulford Place souvenir booklet, ***plus*** a pewter ornament, ***plus*** a copy of *Mysterious Brockville.*
- An Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre Centre coffee mug (five mugs available).
- A copy of the 208-page book, *Ontario's Heritage: A Celebration of Conservation* (five copies available).
- A 2001 Niagara Parks Commission family pass (two passes available) good for attractions and the People Mover transportation system.
- A custom-made solid wood canoe paddle courtesy of The Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough.

Once you have visited at least THREE heritage properties supported by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, complete the contest form to the right, and ***MAIL*** to:

Passport to Heritage Challenge, c/o Ontario Heritage Foundation
10 Adelaide Street East, Third Floor, Suite 302, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1J3



# YES!

I have visited at least three heritage properties supported by the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Please enter my name in the Passport to Heritage Challenge.

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❍ Check here to receive information about the important work of the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

❍ Check here to receive information on how you can support Heritage Challenge Fund heritage projects.

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**CONTEST RULES:**

1. All mailed entries received by January 8, 2001 will be entered in a draw for the above prizes.
2. Prizes will be mailed to winners by February 28, 2001.
3. Enter as often as you wish.
4. All entries must be mailed separately.
5. Each entry must show three different heritage properties visited.
6. Faxed entries are not eligible.
7. No mechanical reproduction of contest form allowed.
8. No purchase necessary.
9. Transportation not included with prizes.
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11. Must be 18 years of age or older to win.
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13. One prize per contestant.
14. Chances of winning depend on the number of entries received.
15. By entering, winners agree that the Ontario Heritage Foundation may use the winner's name and/or photograph, without compensation, in any advertising or publicity.
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## BLUEWATER TRAIL

Chatham-Kent – Dresden – Wallaceburg – Sarnia – Grand Bend – Goderich – Port Elgin – Southampton – Owen Sound – Wiarton – Lion's Head – Tobermory – Manitoulin Island

*512 kilometres (312 miles)*

*Southwestern Ontario & Central Ontario*

*From manicured urban settings in the southwest to the magnificent rugged landscapes of the tip of the Bruce Peninsula, the Bluewater Trail beckons travellers with its rich cultural diversity and natural heritage.*

### CHATHAM-KENT

An Egyptian mummy is among the exciting artifacts on display at the Chatham-Kent Museum. Tour the 1955 railway baggage car that now houses the Chatham Railroad Museum. Travel south to see the Buxton National Historic Site and Museum, a memorial to the settlement of fugitive American slaves in the area.

### DRESDEN

Tour the home of Reverend Josiah Henson, now Uncle Tom's Cabin and Historic Site. The site was once a terminus for the Underground Railroad, a secret system of trails, guides and safe houses that allowed enslaved blacks to flee north across the American border to safety in Canada (see Provincial Plaques). Henson's early life as a slave influenced Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin.*

### WALLACEBURG

Glimpse the early history of this small town with a visit to the Wallaceburg and District Museum, tracing the community's history from the Baldoon Settlement of 1804 (see Provincial Plaques).

### SARNIA

Picnic among the floral gardens of the St. Clair Parkway before visiting Discovery House Museum, offering workshops and tours with a marine and railway focus. Explore the arts, crafts and design on display at Gallery Lambton. A provincial plaque marks Sarnia's St. Clair Tunnel to Port Huron, Michigan, as the continent's first international underwater railway tunnel, built in 1889.

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

**CHATHAM**

**Mary Ann Shadd Cary** was a black American who established the *Provincial Freeman* in Windsor in 1853, moving the influential newspaper to Chatham two years later. At the J.G. Taylor Community Centre.

**DRESDEN**

**The Dawn Settlement** developed around the British-American Institute, one of Canada's first schools to emphasize vocational training. In the 1830s, Reverend Josiah Henson and other abolitionists sought to provide refugees from slavery with the education they needed to become self-sufficient in Upper Canada. The abolitionists purchased 200 acres of land in 1841 and established the institute. On the grounds of Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic Site, Park Street.

GRAND BEND

See a play at the Huron County Playhouse. The Lambton Heritage Museum takes you back to the area's agricultural past with a collection of historical buildings, including a pioneer log cabin, blacksmith shop and schoolhouse. The museum boasts Canada's largest collection of pressed glass.

GODERICH

Stroll the beautiful waterfront boardwalk in Goderich, home to the largest harbour on the Canadian side of Lake Huron. Tour the Huron Historic Gaol National Historic Site, an imposing octagonal building that served as the county jail from 1842 to 1972. Visit the Huron County Museum with its military gallery and collection of heritage farm machinery, as well as an old-time locomotive. The town hall, a former post office , is an imposing blend of high Victorian Gothic, Second Empire and Richardsonian Romanesque architectural styles.

PORT ELGIN

Browse the antiques and collectibles at the local flea market. Imagine this resort town as it once was – an Iroquoian village in the 14th century and a busy trading centre in the 19th century (see Provincial Plaques).

### SOUTHAMPTON

Don't forget to bring your swimsuit and fishing rod! You'll need both to fully appreciate Southampton and nearby Sauble Beach Provincial Park.

### OWEN SOUND

Head inland again to Owen Sound, a town flanked by the impressive limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment. Feel the spray of the 18-metre (59-foot) cascading waterfall at the nearby Inglis Falls Conservation Area. Hike the Bruce Trail. Visit interesting local museums and art galleries. The Billy Bishop Museum depicts Canada's aviation history, features personal items belonging to the First World War flying ace and displays an original flying model of the Avro Arrow (see Provincial Plaques).

Check out the waterfront Marine Rail Heritage Centre, which focuses on the marine, rail and other related industries of the Owen Sound area since 1848. The Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery features works by Thomson, the Group of Seven and other contemporary Canadian artists.

### WIARTON

Explore unique geological formations in the Bruce's Caves Conservation Area as part of your trip to this picturesque town on Colpoys Bay at the base of the Bruce Peninsula. The hart's tongue fern, a rare and endangered species, grows on the slopes below the cliffs.

### LION'S HEAD

Pick out the town's namesake, etched by time and wind into the limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment. Hike along the Bruce Trail through Lion's Head Provincial Nature Reserve. Enjoy the views over Whippoorwill and Isthmus bays.

#### WALLACEBURG

**The Baldoon Settlement** (1804–18) near the St. Clair River was home to 15 Scottish families. Flooding, malaria and invading soldiers during the War of 1812 pushed the settlers to higher ground. West of Wallaceburg, at the approach to the Walpole Island Bridge.

#### GODERICH

**The Founding of Goderich** can be traced to William "Tiger" Dunlop. He developed a plan for the town in 1827 to serve as a port and a service centre for the western section of the million-acre (400,000-hectare) Huron Tract. Harbour Park, West Street.

#### PORT ELGIN

**The "Nodwell" Indian Village Site** was home to an Iroquoian village in the 14th century. Archaeological excavations uncovered stone tools, hunting weapons and pottery. Nodwell Park at High and Market street.

#### OWEN SOUND

**William "Billy" Avery Bishop, VC** (1894–1956), born in Owen Sound, became a renowned First World War flying ace. In Queen's Park, First Avenue West and Eighth Street.

#### MANITOULIN ISLAND

**Kagawong Mill** drew waterpower from the Kagawong River to process local spruce into pulp. It reopened in 1932 as a hydroelectric plant – the sole source of electrical power for Manitoulin Island until 1949. On the waterfront, Kagawong.

**TOBERMORY**

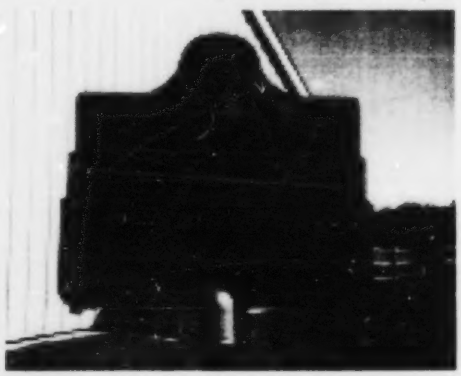
Striking natural and manmade wonders abound at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula. View shipwrecks from a glass-bottom boat. Hop a boat to Flowerpot Island and gaze at a stunning 18.3 metre (60-foot) rock formation. Underwater caves, 19 islands and 21 fascinating sea wrecks await scuba enthusiasts at Fathom Five National Marine Park – Canada's first. Admire, but don't pick, the many species of wild orchids that grow in spectacular Bruce Peninsula National Park.

**MANITOULIN ISLAND**

Admire the breathtaking scenery from the deck of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry as it crosses Georgian Bay to Manitoulin Island, the world's largest freshwater island. Explore the island's vibrant Aboriginal heritage and culture ("Manitou" is an Algonquian word meaning "mysterious being," or the spirit of life). Visit the Assiginack Museum and Heritage Park in Manitowaning, which features a blacksmith shop, barn, pioneer house and an early school house in buildings dating to the 1870s. See the S.S. Norisle, the last steam-powered passenger ship to ply the Great Lakes (and the predecessor of the present ferry). The Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah displays artifacts from one of the oldest archaeological sites in Canada and photos from pioneer days on Manitoulin.

View the restored Kagawong Mill (see Provincial Plaques). Visit the 1873 Mississaugi Lighthouse at Meldrum Bay to see it furnished as it was for the former lighthouse keeper. The surrounding heritage park includes campsites, picnic areas and hiking trails. Hikers can try the island's Cup and Saucer trail, named for the area's appearance as a "saucer" with a ring of modest cliffs forming the "cup."

OHF Provincial Plaque



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***While you're in the area, visit:***

*Egmondville* Von Egmond House

*Collingwood* Scenic Caves Nature Preserve

## TRENT-SEVERN WATERWAY TOUR

**Penetanguishene – Midland – Orillia – Lindsay – Peterborough – Quinte West (Trenton)**
**296 kilometres (183 miles)**

**Central Ontario & Eastern Ontario**

Follow in the footsteps of Native inhabitants and the water wakes of European explorers. Swim, paddle or hike at some of Ontario's finest provincial parks. The Trent-Severn Waterway system of 44 locks links many attractive communities between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario.

PENETANGUISHENE

Relive British naval history of the area as you explore the fascinating Discovery Harbour and admire historic vessels and reconstructed buildings. St. James-on-the-Lines• •merits a look as the church built for a military and naval garrison in the 1830s (see Provincial Plaques). Cruise the 30,000 Islands by tour boat. Visit the nearby Awenda Provincial Park and participate in interesting natural heritage programs.

MIDLAND

Begin your waterway tour at the historic town of Midland. Explore Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, a reconstruction of the 17th-century Jesuit mission by the same name. Visit the Martyrs' Shrine, built in memory of the Jesuit missionaries who lost their lives while working among the Hurons. Walk, canoe and birdwatch at the 60-hectare (150-acre) Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, home to rare trumpeter swans.

ORILLIA

Sip afternoon tea at the Stephen Leacock Museum, located in the former summer home of this renowned Canadian humourist. Catch a production by the Sunshine Festival Theatre Company and admire the current exhibit at the Orillia Museum of Art and History. The museum features artifacts from Orillia's past, as well as works by the Group of Seven and contemporary artists. Don't forget your binoculars, so that you can marvel at the variety of bird species that make their homes at Bass Lake and McRae Point provincial parks.

**PROVINCIAL PLAQUES**

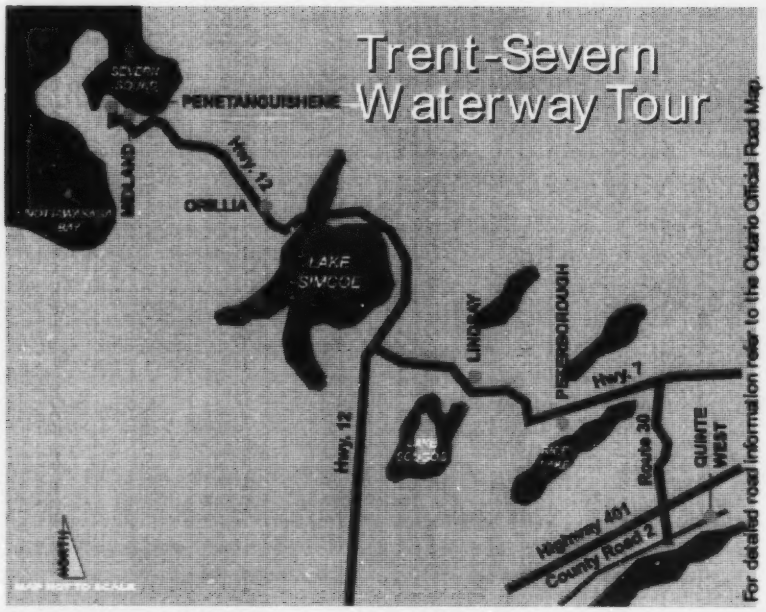
PENETANGUISHENE

St. James-on-the-Lines (1836) was built originally as a church for military and naval personnel, "on the lines of communications" between Fort York (Toronto) and Fort Penetanguishene. As the only Protestant church in the area until the 1870s, it also served the civilian population. 215 Church Street North.

ORILLIA

The Founding of Orillia took place in 1838 on the site of an Ojibwa reserve. The community prospered as an agricultural and lumber centre. Today it is a summer resort destination. Beside the Orillia Opera House, Mississauga and West streets.

The Huron Fish Weirs, created by local First Nations, were spotted by Samuel de Champlain in 1615, when he led a Huron and Algonquin war party through the area.




LINDSAY

Gateway to the beautiful Kawartha Lakes region, Lindsay offers unique Victorian architecture. Discover the Victoria County Museum's travelling exhibits and stroll the streets of this historic town. Originally called Purdy's Mills (see Provincial Plaques), Lindsay lies in the heart of the Scugog Route, a historic water route used by Native peoples to travel to Lake Ontario.

PETERBOROUGH

Get a lift in Peterborough as you watch the world's highest hydraulic lift lock raise pleasure craft 20 metres (65 feet) straight up. See the Trent-Severn Waterway first-hand by taking a relaxing cruise or renting a houseboat. Learn the history of the system at the Peterborough Lift Lock Visitor Centre. Originally a trade route, the waterway took almost a century to build, and is now 386 kilometres (240 miles) long, with 44 locks.

Learn about the old-fashioned craft of canoe building at the Canadian Canoe Museum. See costumed interpreters at the Hutchison House Museum (1837), once home to the area's first doctor. Tour a restored historic hotel, a log cabin and a blacksmith shop, which are among the 20 restored buildings at Lang Pioneer Village. Admire St. John's Anglican Church (1834), one of the city's earliest stone buildings.

Decipher the 1,100-year-old rock carvings at Petroglyphs Provincial Park (northwest of Peterborough), one of the most important Aboriginal sites in Canada, where more than 900 carvings depict snakes, human figures, turtles, birds and other creatures.

### QUINTE WEST (TRENTON)

The city of Quinte West (formerly Trenton) offers access to the Bay of Quinte from the Trent-Severn Waterway. Hike to the Bleasdell Boulder, a remnant of the last ice age, and retrace military and aviation history at the Royal Canadian Air Force Museum. Scale the spectacular sand dunes and learn about the ecology of the dune forest at Sandbanks Provincial Park, which features clean sand beaches, great swimming and camping. Earlier "tourists" to the area included Samuel de Champlain, in 1615 (see Provincial Plaques).

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Omemee* | Emily Provincial Park |
| *Peterborough* | Mark S. Burnham Provincial Park |
| *Collingwood* | Bygone Days Heritage Village |
| *Huntsville* | Muskoka Pioneer Village |
| *Gravenhurst* | Bethune Memorial National Historic Site |
| *Greenwood* | Pickering Museum Village |

Courtesy of the Canadian Canoe Museum

Canadian Canoe Museum, Peterborough

The weirs, a network of stakes driven into the lakebed, were used to guide fish towards nets.
674 Atherley Road, at the marina.

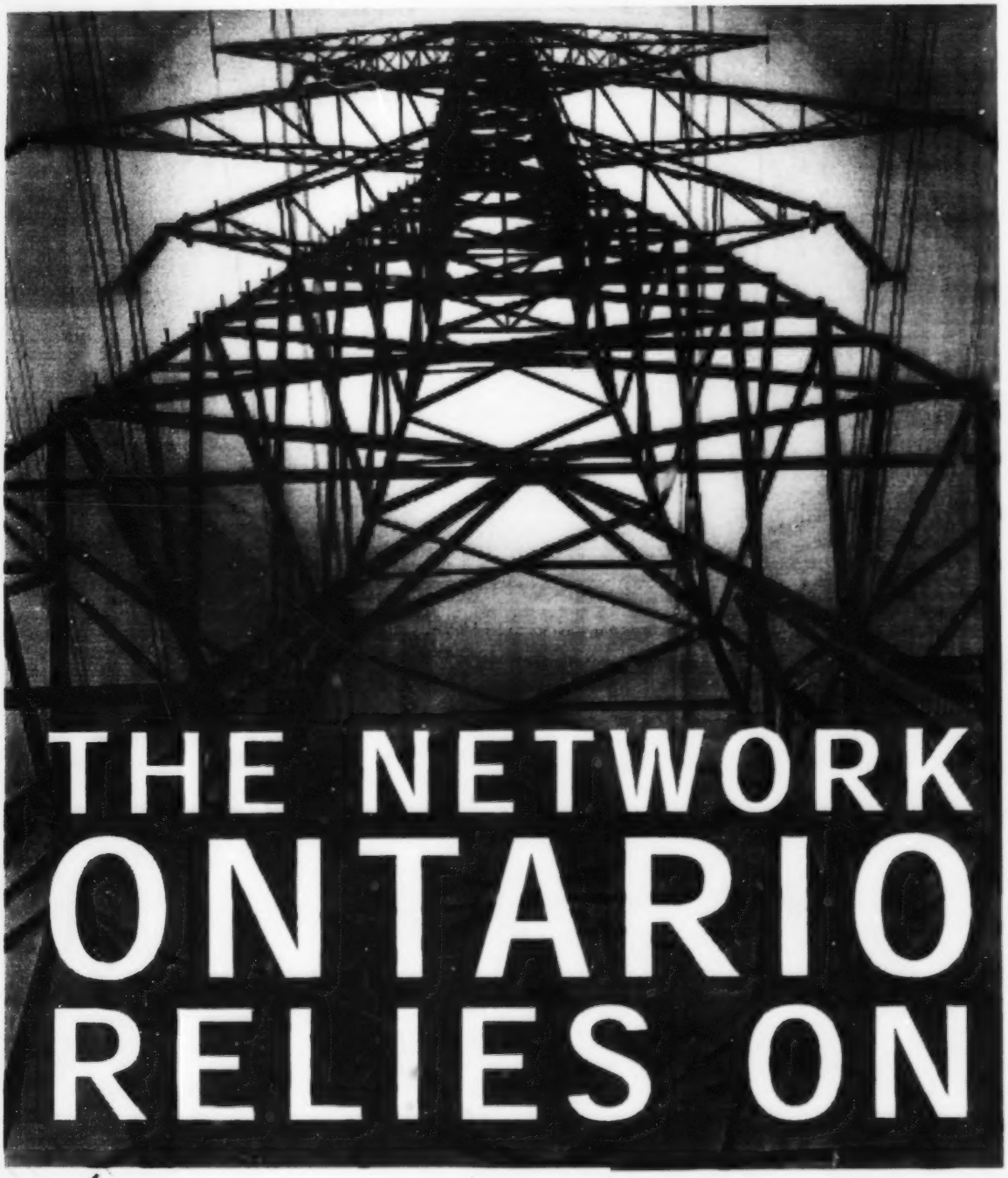
**Franklin Carmichael** (1890–1945), who studied painting and design in Toronto and Europe, was a founding member of the Group of Seven.
36 Mississauga Street.

#### LINDSAY

**Purdy's Mills** were built on the Scugog River by William Purdy and his sons in 1828-30. They provoked the ire of some residents because the mill-dam caused frequent flooding in the area. The mills formed the nucleus of the developing community of Lindsay. McDonnell Park, between Wellington and Lindsay streets.

#### QUINTE WEST (TRENTON)

**Champlain's War Party** (1615) consisted of a small group of Frenchmen and a substantial force of Hurons and Algonquins. The group moved down the Trent River on the way to attack an Onondaga village near present-day Syracuse.
Bayshore Park, Albert and Wharf streets.



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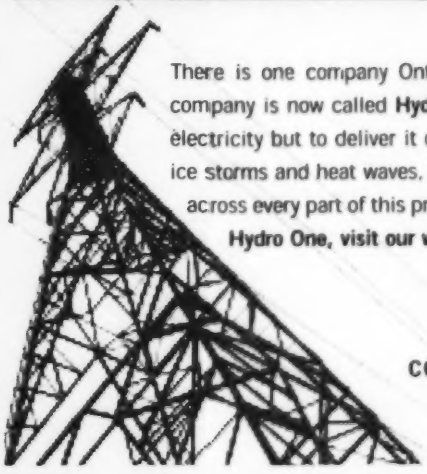

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## UPPER CANADA HERITAGE HIGHWAY WEST

Whitby – Oshawa – Bowmanville – Port Hope – Cobourg – Grafton – Colborne – Brighton – Quinte West (Trenton) – Belleville – Deseronto – Napanee – Kingston – Gananoque

*250 kilometres (155 miles)* *Eastern Ontario*

*A drive along the Upper Canada Heritage Highway – County Road 2 (formerly Highway 2) – is an ideal way to glimpse small-town Ontario. The heritage highway has something for everyone: lakeside towns such as Port Hope and the historic communities of Napanee and Gananoque; heritage buildings and historic streetscapes; antique shops and farmers' markets; and sport fishing and sandcastle building at provincial parks.*

### WHITBY

Visit stores and restaurants housed in Victorian buildings along Whitby's historic Mary and Brock streets. During the Second World War, Whitby was the location of Camp X, a secret spy training facility established by Sir William Stephenson, the "man called Intrepid." Although the buildings have been demolished, a monument marks the site.

### OSHAWA

Experience the luxurious lifestyle of automotive baron R.S. "Sam" McLaughlin, founder of General Motors Canada, by visiting his 55-room mansion, Parkwood Estate, filled with original furnishings and art treasures. Stroll the 4.8 hectares (12 acres) of beautiful gardens (see Provincial Plaques). As this is a city built on car manufacturing, be sure to explore the Canadian Automotive Museum. At the city's waterfront, indulge in a guided tour of three historically designated Victorian buildings comprising the Oshawa Community Museum and Archives.

### BOWMANVILLE

Walk Bowmanville's heritage main street before touring the Bowmanville Museum's displays of antique dolls, toys and local history, located in a restored late-Victorian home. Head east on King Street to see the endangered species of birds and animals at Canada's oldest zoo (1919), the Bowmanville Zoological Park.

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

**OSHAWA**

**R.S. "Sam" McLaughlin** (1871–1972) was a pioneer in the Canadian automotive industry. At Parkwood Estate, McLaughlin's former home, now a museum, 270 Simcoe Street North.

**NEWCASTLE**

**The Newcastle Fish Hatchery** (1868), the first full-scale fish farm on the continent, was the result of successful experiments by Samuel Wilmot. At the entrance to the site of the former hatchery, County Road 2 at Wilmot Creek, just west of Newcastle.

**COLBORNE**

The Founding of Colborne occurred when Joseph Keeler opened a store here in 1819 and other small businessmen followed. In the 1840s, Colborne became an important service centre for

PORT HOPE

Stroll along Port Hope's main street, a Heritage Conservation District boasting the most complete 19th-century streetscape in the province. Enjoy a performance at the Capitol Theatre, one of Ontario's last remaining "atmospheric" theatres, which gives the illusion of being seated in a walled medieval courtyard. Admire the 1856 Italianate limestone railway station.

COBOURG

Set your watch to "bloom" with Cobourg's landmark Rotary Floral Clock, composed of 3,000 flowers. Look inside the Second Street Fire Hall and Market, and King Street's magnificent Victoria Hall, Cobourg's town hall of the 1860s and now home to the Northumberland Art Gallery, a concert hall and municipal council chamber.

GRAFTON

Visit the home of Blakim Barnum, a successful Upper Canada entrepreneur (see Provincial Plaques). He built Barnum House, one of Ontario's finest examples of neo-classical architecture. Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Barnum House is a National Historic Site hosting displays about the Barnum family and the 1820s period. See feature on page 12.

## UPPER CANADA HERITAGE HIGHWAY WEST

### COLBORNE

Hunt for treasures in quaint specialty shops and admire colourful murals depicting town history. Stop for apple pie and fresh-pressed cider made from locally grown apples at this key stop along the Apple Route.

### BRIGHTON

Brighton beckons visitors with delightful 19th-century architecture and vibrant natural heritage surroundings. Tour Proctor House Museum, located in a restored 1869 mansion. While away the hours at nearby Presqu'ile Provincial Park, where you can watch for as many as 126 species of birds. Take a guided hike along the park's boardwalks, and spy a pied-billed grebe or a great blue heron. The park also features sand dunes, limestone outcroppings, forests and coastal wet meadows called pannes, which are of international significance.

### QUINTE WEST (TRENTON)

*Please see the Trent-Severn Waterway Tour on page 44.*

### BELLEVILLE

Head northeast to Belleville, home to some of the best sport fishing in Ontario. Visit Belleville City Hall✪, built in 1872 as a symbol of Belleville's growth and prosperity. Tour Glanmore National Historic Site, a restored Second Empire mansion built in 1888, featuring a suspended staircase, ornate ceilings and woodwork, and an extensive collection of antique furniture, paintings and ceramics.

### DESERONTO

Visit Christ Church, Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawks, one of six royal chapels outside Great Britain. Declared to be of provincial and national historic significance, this Gothic structure was built by the Mohawks in 1843 and is filled with gifts received from the royal family over the last 300 years.

the area with the opening of harbour facilities and the arrival of the railway. Victoria Park, Toronto Street.

#### GRAFTON

**Barnum House** (1819) is an excellent example of neo-classical domestic architecture. The house was refurbished in 1940 by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, the first such restoration in Ontario. On the grounds of the house, County Road 2, west of Grafton.

#### PICTON

**The Prince Edward County Fairgrounds** in Picton are home to well-preserved fair buildings, including the Crystal Palace (1890), a rare surviving example of a once-popular style of agricultural exhibition hall. Just inside the front gate, Picton Fairgrounds.

#### NAPANEE

**The Napanee Mills** (circa 1780s) served Loyalist settlers as far west as the Trent River, and formed the hub of the Napanee community. Springside Park, Dundas Street.

**The Allan Macpherson House,** a fine example of late Georgian architecture, was built prior to the 1830s by Napanee's first postmaster. 180 Elizabeth Street.

#### GANANOQUE

**The Gananoque Town Hall,** built in the 1830s, was originally the home of a prominent local landowner and merchant. 30 King Street East.

### Napanee

Steep yourself in United Empire Loyalist history in Napanee, which began in 1786 with the Napanee Mills, grist mills that served Loyalist settlers (see Provincial Plaques). The Napanee Post Office✪, built a century later, set the tone for the historic downtown streetscape. Tour the 1864 limestone jail, now home to the Lennox and Addington County Museum. Step inside Allan Macpherson House✪, the historic 1826 home of Napanee's founding citizen and first postmaster, and admire its heritage garden.

### Kingston

*Please see the Rideau Heritage Tour on page 56.*

### Gananoque

Get off the highway and onto the water at Gananoque, with a windswept tour of the ruggedly beautiful St. Lawrence River and the Thousand Islands. Back on land, check out the many shops and tearooms of this waterside resort town or see a play at the Thousand Islands Playhouse. Take a walking tour of The Gardens at Landon Bay.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

| | |
|---|---|
| *Picton* | Macauley Heritage Park |
| | Rose House Museum |
| | Mariners' Park Museum |
| | The White Chapel |
| *Bloomfield* | Quinte Educational Museum |
| *Lakefield* | Christ Church Community Museum |

Presqu'ile Provincial Park

## UPPER CANADA HERITAGE HIGHWAY EAST

Brockville – Maitland – Prescott – Morrisburg – Cornwall – Williamstown – St. Raphaels – East Hawkesbury (Pointe Fortune)

*200 kilometres (124 miles)* Eastern Ontario

*There's plenty to do and see in Eastern Ontario – an area rich in heritage. Skirmishes between Upper Canadians and Americans in the War of 1812 have left their mark on the history and architecture of the communities along the St. Lawrence River east of Brockville. The Upper Canada Heritage Highway, east along County Road 2 to the Quebec border, takes you past an original wooden military fortification, a recreated 19th-century village and period churches.*

### BROCKVILLE

Experience Edwardian elegance at Fulford Place, a stunning 1,860-square-metre (20,000-square-foot) mansion replete with original tapestries, paintings and furnishings from around the world. Take a guided tour of the family home of Senator George T. Fulford, who made his fortune selling patent medicines worldwide. This National Historic Site is owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. *See feature on page 8.* Also, visit the Brockville Museum.

### MAITLAND

Step back two centuries to visit Homewood, one of the oldest houses in Ontario. This fieldstone home was commissioned in 1799 by Dr. Solomon Jones, once the only doctor between Gananoque and Cornwall. Homewood Museum is owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. *See feature on page 10.*

### PRESCOTT

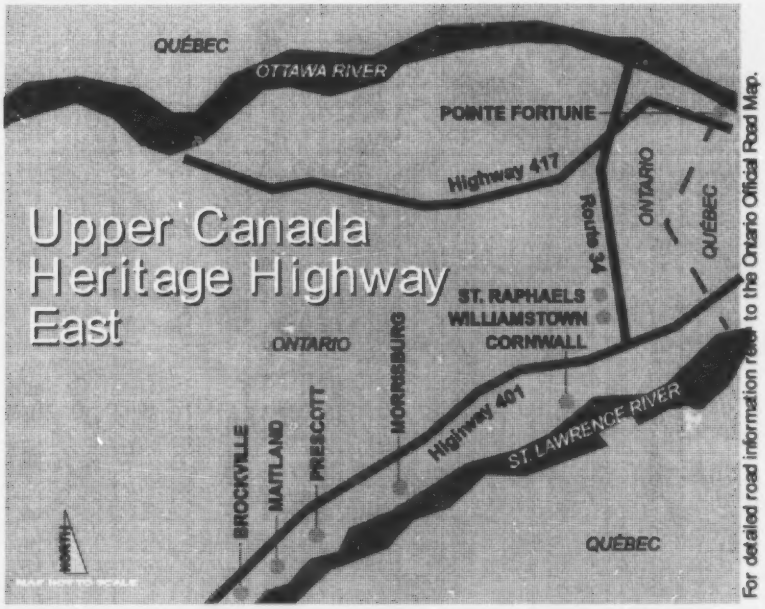
Storm the ramparts at Fort Wellington, an original British fort (1838). Then visit its nearby predecessor, the "militia stockade" or Jessup's Barracks✪ (1809), the first of three forts at Prescott built to protect the fledgling riverfront town from American rebels to the south. Now called Jessup's Food and Heritage, the former stockade offers dining in a period setting by appointment. Driving east, stop in Iroquois to visit the Carmen House Museum, a United Empire Loyalist home restored to the 1835 period.

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

BROCKVILLE

**The Brockville Tunnel** (1860) is the oldest of its kind in Canada, running 500 metres (1,640 feet) north under the city from the St. Lawrence River. Steam locomotives carried goods inland through the tunnel until 1954. Water Street.

**Blockhouse Island** was a hospice for victims of a cholera epidemic (1832), and later became the site of a blockhouse built to guard against raids by American rebels from across the St. Lawrence River. Market Street.




MORRISBURG

Mingle with weavers, blacksmiths and millers at Upper Canada Village, a recreated 1860s village just east of Morrisburg that features costumed interpreters and more than 40 buildings. Bird lovers can meander along 8 kilometres (5 miles) of hiking trails through wetlands and mixed forests at the 9,000-hectare (22,230-acre) Upper Canada Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

CORNWALL

Drop in at Long Sault's Lost Villages Museum, a complex of eight buildings telling the story of the villages flooded by the Hydro and Seaway projects of the 1950s. In Cornwall, stroll the waterfront of this busy St. Lawrence Seaway port city, which was settled by Loyalists in 1784.

WILLIAMSTOWN

Plan to visit Bethune-Thompson House, which encompasses the original 1784 cabin of Loyalist soldier Peter Ferguson, as well as the 1804 Georgian cottage once inhabited by Reverend John Bethune, ancestor of Dr. Norman Bethune, and by explorer/map-maker David Thompson of the North West Company. Visit Sir John Johnson House (1784-92), a National Historic Site and now home to the Glengarry Archives.

### St. Raphaels

Step off the beaten path to discover St. Raphael's Church Ruins✪. The handsome stone structure (1821), one of the largest churches in Upper Canada, was destroyed by fire in 1970. The ruin has been stabilized for visitors (see Provincial Plaques).

### East Hawkesbury (Pointe Fortune)

Just before you reach the Quebec border, head for East Hawkesbury and visit the Macdonell-Williamson House. It was built in 1817 for fur-trader John Macdonell, who made it the headquarters of his milling, warehousing and freight-forwarding business. The Williamson family bought the house in 1882. Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the house is undergoing restoration. *See feature on page 14.*

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**St. Raphaels**
The Parish of St. Raphael was officially recognized as a parish in 1802, after operating as a mission for Roman Catholic settlers, and it served for a time as the administrative centre of the Catholic Church in Upper Canada. At St. Raphael's Ruins, Kings Road.

St. Raphael's Church Ruins, St. Raphaels

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Fulford Place, Brockville

## RIDEAU HERITAGE TOUR

**Ottawa – Manotick – Merrickville – Smiths Falls – Perth – Westport – Kingston**

***196 kilometres (121 miles)***

*Eastern Ontario*

*Follow the historic Rideau Canal as it winds its way between Ottawa and Kingston. Stroll village streets, dine on gourmet lunches at historic inns, and retrace the steps of Upper Canada's early European settlers as they built their villages around an inland supply route safe from American invasion.*

### OTTAWA

The Rideau Canal bisects downtown Ottawa, offering visitors a wealth of waterside recreation choices. Dine al fresco, bike or blade along waterside paths, and sightsee by tour boat or rented paddleboat. Explore Parliament Hill and the House of Commons, and see Ottawa from atop the Peace Tower. Visit the Bytown Museum, which highlights the history of Ottawa, starting with its founder, Colonel By. Take a look at the Archbishop's Palace✪ (just blocks away, on St. Patrick Street), built in 1849. Nearby, indulge in excellent art, music and theatre at the National Gallery of Canada and the National Arts Centre. Stroll by the farmers' stalls of the Byward Market. Explore the Laurier House National Historic Site, which contains many of the belongings used by two Canadian prime ministers who lived in this 1878 house, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Beyond the downtown central core, be sure to visit Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General of Canada, to see the colourful changing of the guard ceremony. Visit the Billings Estate Museum. Choose from among several national museums: the Agriculture Museum and Central Experimental Farm, the National Museum of Science and Technology, the Canadian War Museum, the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian Museum of Nature.

### MANOTICK

Hit the road and head southwest for Manotick. Take time for a picnic lunch on the grounds of Watson's Mill, a five-storey water-powered gristmill built in the 1860s and now restored to its original operating condition.

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

**OTTAWA**

**Commissariat Building** (1827) was a storehouse during the construction of the Rideau Canal, and now houses the Bytown Museum. In the lobby of the Bytown Museum, off Elgin Street.

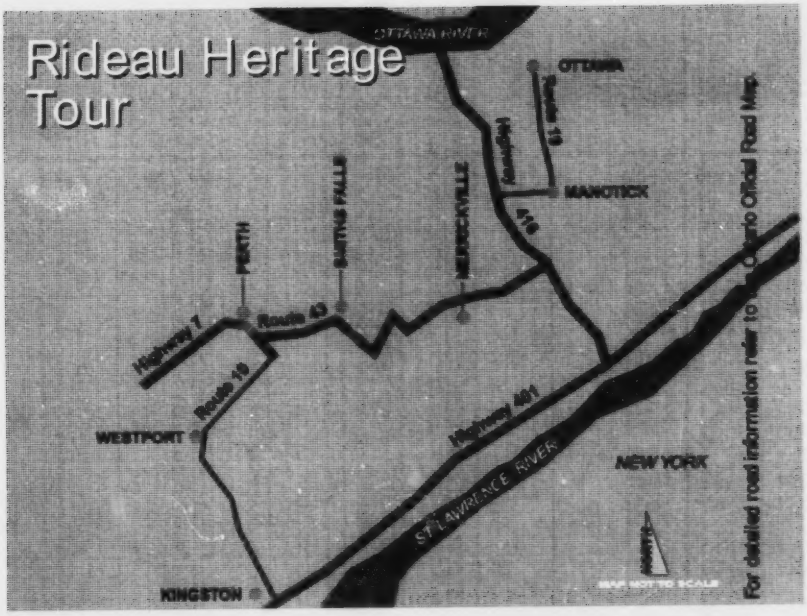
**Thomas McKay** (1792–1855) was a master mason and builder of several of the locks along the Rideau Canal. Corner of Sussex Drive and John Street.

**MERRICKVILLE**

**The Founding of Merrickville** is recognized with a plaque honouring William Merrick, who built mills around which grew a vibrant community called Merrick's Mills. Main Street at Elgin Street.

**SMITHS FALLS**

**The Rideau Waterway,** an engineering feat begun in 1826, formed the first canal




MERRICKVILLE

Merrickville is one of Ontario's best preserved 19th-century villages, with more than 30 heritage properties. The Jikes-MacLean Block• , the L-shaped corner building at Main and St. Lawrence streets was built by Sam Jikes, whose name now graces a nearby historic inn. Plaques recall the days when giant wheels and grinding stones turned to make the village prosperous. Pick up a walking tour pamphlet and stroll by old stone buildings, stately gingerbread-trimmed heritage homes, boutiques and restaurants. Tour the Blockhouse Museum, as well as the adjacent Industrial Heritage Complex, which features a manually operated canal lock and the ruins of a foundry.

SMITHS FALLS

The town is located where water meets rail. Learn the fascinating story of the waterway at the Rideau Canal Museum. Walk back in time through the Heritage House Museum, which offers a look at the life of a wealthy mill owner and his family around 1867. Visit the Smiths Falls Railway Museum, a 1914 National Historic Site, to see railway artifacts, memorabilia and authentic rolling stock.

PERTH

Head west to Perth, a charming, historic community on the banks of the Tay River. Stand on the spot where the last fatal duel in Upper Canada was fought in 1833, when two law students battled over a young woman. The mortally wounded Robert

Lyon drew his last breath nearby at Inge Va (66 Craig Street), now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. This picturesque stone house is one of the finest surviving examples of late Georgian neo-classical architecture in Ontario. The house was named Inge Va (which means "come here" in the Tamil language of Sri Lanka) by a previous owner. Visit McMartin House (circa 1830), built in the American federal style for one of Perth's first lawyers, Daniel McMartin. A National Historic Site, it is owned by the Foundation, and is located at 125 Gore Street. Stroll through Victorian-period rooms and an 1840s garden. See the very pistols used in Perth's last duel at the Perth Museum, located in historic Matheson House at 11 Gore Street East. Take a guided tour of a restored mica mine or canoe three interior lakes at Murphys Point Provincial Park.

**WESTPORT**

A short ride down picturesque country roads brings you to Westport, a delightful waterfront town born of the sawmills that flourished during the construction of the Rideau Canal. While you can no longer ride the Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Railway (see Provincial Plaques), you can admire the historic downtown and explore the trails and canoe routes of the nearby Frontenac Provincial Park.

**KINGSTON**

Hear the crack of musket fire and experience Ontario's history first-hand with a visit to Fort Henry, once the country's mightiest fortress. Today, it is a living history museum, highlighting the military life and architecture of a century ago (see Provincial Plaques). There is much to see and do in the "Limestone City." Tour the Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence River. Explore Bellevue House National Historic Site, the former home of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and a fine example of

route from Montreal to the Great Lakes.
Victoria Park, Lombard Street and Highway 29.

**WESTPORT**

**The Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie Railway** began operating in 1888 between Brockville and Westport. Lack of funds prevented the extension of the line to Sault Ste. Marie, but local trains continued to run until 1952. Near the former railway station on Highway 42.

**KINGSTON**

**Fort Henry** was completed in 1836 as part of a large-scale defence system to protect Kingston and the Rideau Canal from invasion by the Americans. At Fort Henry, junction of Highways 2 and 15.

**Molly Brant,** a Mohawk, helped persuade the Iroquois Confederacy to support Britain during the American Revolution. She fled to Canada in 1777, settling on land granted to her in Cataraqui (now Kingston). On the grounds of St. Paul's Church, Queen and Montreal streets.

Italianate villa architecture. Ride a trolley to view Kingston's many heritage buildings, including historic Frontenac County Court House✪, the Prince George Hotel✪, St. George's Cathedral✪ and the Church of the Good Thief✪. Visit the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston and experience 100 years of life on the Great Lakes. This museum-rich city offers visitors the International Hockey Museum, the McLachlan Woodworking Museum, the Pump House Steam Museum, the Correctional Service of Canada Museum and the Kingston Archaeological Centre, among others. The Murney Tower Museum, a National Historic Site, examines the use of Martello Towers as defensive sites.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Carleton Place* | Victoria School Museum |
| *Carp* | Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum |
| *Kanata* | Pinhey's Point Heritage Park |
| *Chaffeys Lock* | Lockmaster's House Museum |
| *Jones Falls* | Jones Falls Blacksmith Shop and Lockmaster's House |

Fort Henry, Kingston

## NORTHERN ADVENTURE TOUR

**North Bay – Cobalt – Kirkland Lake – Iroquois Falls – Timmins – Cochrane – Moosonee – Moose Factory**

***570 kilometres (353 miles) by vehicle and 300 kilometres (186 miles) by train to Moosonee***

*There's plenty to discover in northeastern Ontario – rugged landscapes, superb fishing at remote fly-in camps, intriguing history and legends of the area's First Nations and the legacy of the mining and pulp and paper industries that brought economic advancement.*

### North Bay

Top-notch fishing, hiking, canoeing and camping are all only minutes from downtown. Relax aboard a cruise of the blue waters of Lake Nipissing. Learn the story of North Bay's five most famous daughters, the Dionne quintuplets, at the Dionne Quints Museum. Delight in the 90-metre (295-foot) miniature railroad track at the adjacent Model Railroad Exhibit, housed in two renovated boxcars. Explore the story of how Ontario's Near North was opened up at the North Bay Area Museum.

### Cobalt

Spend some time in "the town that silver built." Walk the Heritage Silver Trail, a self-guided tour of several former mining sites, along 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) of back roads. Tour the Cobalt Northern Ontario Mining Museum to see a collection of local silver, artifacts and historic photographs, and visit the Bunker Military Museum, housed in the restored main floor of the Cobalt train station.

### Kirkland Lake

The discovery of gold in the area in 1911 led to the development of the mining industry in this part of the province. Have your photo taken in front of the towering Miners' Monument, then visit the Museum of Northern History, which offers an informative and entertaining look at early life in Kirkland Lake and northeastern Ontario. The museum is housed in the Sir Harry Oakes Chateau, built in 1930 by a mining tycoon as a lavish centre for entertaining the gold-mining industry, and now owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation (*see feature on page 16*).

### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

**North Bay**

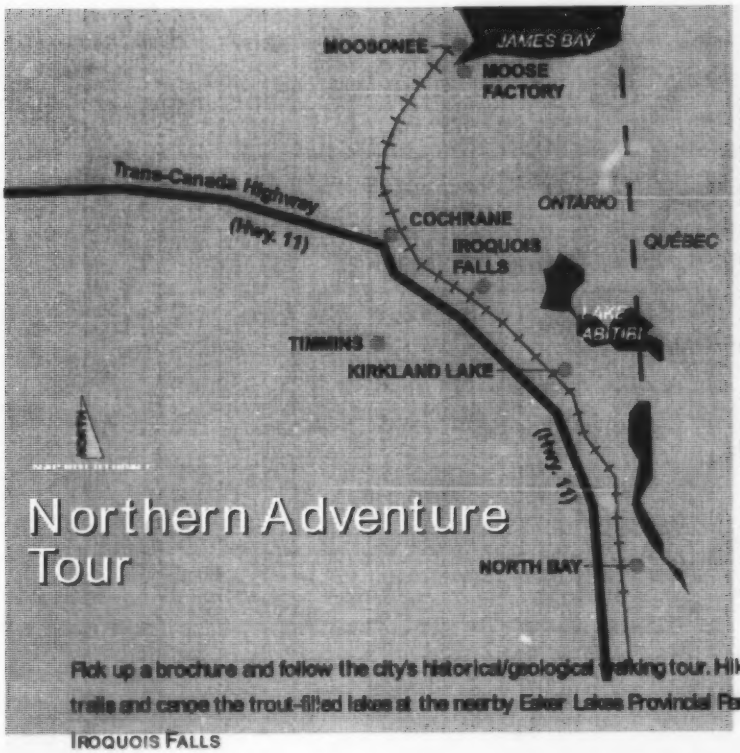
**The Ontario Northland Railway**, which runs from North Bay to Moosonee, was completed in 1932, 30 years after it was begun. Spur lines connecting mining communities stimulated economic development in northeastern Ontario. 195 Regina Street.

**Kirkland Lake**

**The Kirkland Lake Gold Camp** and mines employed 5,000 workers during peak production in the late-1930s, and every year produced gold worth more than $30 million. Near the Toburn Vault (the remains of the original Tough-Oakes mine buildings) on Highway 66, just east of Kirkland Lake.

**Iroquois Falls**

**The de Troyes Expedition** (1686) involved men canoeing and portaging from Montreal to attack English forts on James Bay. Led by




For detailed road information refer to the Ontario Official Road Map.

Pick up a brochure and follow the city's historical/geological walking tour. Hike the trails and canoe the trout-filled lakes at the nearby Esker Lakes Provincial Park.

IROQUOIS FALLS

Explore Iroquois Falls, a small northern town named after an ancient Ojibwa legend. Considered the "garden town of the north," Iroquois Falls is one of the first planned communities in Canada. Visit the Iroquois Falls Pioneer Museum or take a self-guided tour of the Lake Abitibi Model Forest.

TIMMINS

Travel to the nearby city of Timmins to go "down under." The Timmins Underground Gold Mine Ste tour takes you 65 metres (213 feet) underground in the Hollinger Mine. A miner guides your exploration of ore chutes and quartz veins, and demonstrates mining equipment. Back in the daylight, pan for real gold and survey an open-pit mine from the Headframe Lookout Tower. Tour the Timmins Museum and National Exhibition Centre, and visit Cedar Meadows, a 70-hectare (173-acre) park and wildlife sanctuary. To appreciate the delicate balance of our ecosystem, plan to take the day-long tour of the Demonstration Forest.

### COCHRANE

Railway enthusiasts must see the Cochrane Railway and Pioneer Museum. Hockey fans shouldn't miss the Tim Horton Museum, dedicated to the Canadian hockey player. An active vacation centre for canoeists, as well as nature and fishing enthusiasts, Cochrane is also the departure point for the popular Polar Bear Express to Moosonee. Choose from multi-day packages or same-day-return excursions through forests, lakes, muskeg and scrub bush to the Arctic watershed.

### MOOSONEE

Disembark from your near-Arctic rail experience at Moosonee. Visit the Revillon Frères Museum, and view the 17 stained glass windows in Christ the King Cathedral. Bundle up for a cruise on the Moose River aboard the M.V. Polar Bear Princess, past the Water Fowl Sanctuary on Shipsands Island to the edge of James Bay.

### MOOSE FACTORY

Take the ferry across the Moose River to Ontario's oldest English-speaking community, Moose Factory. In 1673, Governor Charles Bayly built a wintering house on the island, and a major trading post was later established here (see Provincial Plaques). Learn about Cree history and culture at Cree Village. Take a look at the artifacts from the early fur-trading days of European explorers at the Centennial Park Museum. See the displays at the Hudson's Bay Staff House, one of the four timber structures built around 1850 to house bachelor officers of the Hudson's Bay Company. Owned by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the Staff House is the oldest remaining structure built by the Hudson's Bay Company.

Chevalier de Troyes, the expedition captured several posts, but the English later regained them. On de Troyes Avenue, north of Highway 577.

#### COCHRANE

**Niven's Meridian** was an astronomically straight line laid down from the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks due north to the Moose River by Alexander Niven. The task of laying down the line through 480 kilometres of forests, lakes, swamps and muskeg took two years (1896–98). The meridian became the basis for all subsequent survey work in northeastern Ontario. Highway 11, about 3 kilometres west of Cochrane (where the meridian crosses the highway).

#### MOOSONEE

**Thomas James and the Search for the Northwest Passage** describes James's exploration of the waters of Hudson Bay and James Bay (1631–32). While James and his men successfully wintered on Charlton Island, his vivid account of hardships they endured discouraged further exploration for almost a century. River Road, between First and Cotter streets.

#### MOOSE FACTORY

**Moose Factory** was built in 1673, captured by the French in 1686, and returned to the British by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Originally called Moose Fort, the settlement served as the Hudson's Bay Company's principal centre on James Bay for 200 years, with all inland trading radiating from the fort. Hudson's Bay Staff House, Front Road.

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***While you're in the area, visit:***

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| *Temagami* | Finlayson Point Provincial Park |
| *Haileybury* | Haileybury Heritage Museum |
| | Devil's Rock |
| *Englehart* | Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park |
| | Englehart and Area Historical Museum |
| *Hearst* | Hearst Ecomuseum |
| | Fushimi Lake Provincial Park |

Sutton River, Northern Ontario

## NORTH OF SUPERIOR TOUR

**Marathon – Terrace Bay – Schreiber – Nipigon – Thunder Bay – Atikokan – Fort Frances – Dryden – Kenora**

***1,120 kilometres (694 miles)***

*Northwestern Ontario*

*Crystal clear lakes, rugged landscapes and thousands of kilometres of canoe routes call out to the northern adventurer. Discover Lake Superior's fascinating history, see the lasting effects of the last ice age, experience life as fur traders would have experienced it two centuries ago and explore Aboriginal history and culture.*

### MARATHON

Begin your exploration of the wild shores of Lake Superior just west of this gold-mining community. Camp at Neys Provincial Park, enjoy the views that inspired Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris and enjoy one of the finest beaches on Lake Superior's North Shore. Hike along the coastal trail in Pukaskwa National Park (Ontario's largest national park) to the southeast and discover the rugged beauty of the inland White Lake Provincial Park.

### TERRACE BAY

Tour scenic Terrace Bay, built on a series of ancient glacial lake beds (see Provincial Plaques). Hire a charter boat or take your own to explore Slate Island Provincial Park, 10 kilometres south of Terrace Bay in Lake Superior. The park offers great opportunities to see woodland caribou in their natural habitat. See the falls at the Aguasabon Gorge.

### SCHREIBER

Named after an important railroad engineer, this town has always held a prominent place in the North Shore's history. Pick up the spectacular Casque Isles Trail, which runs through Schreiber from Terrace Bay to Rossport.

### NIPIGON

Once home to the Ojibwa, this popular tourist centre offers spectacular sport fishing opportunities. Walk through the stunning Ouimet Canyon Provincial Park, which features a 6.5-kilometre (4-mile) wide gorge carved out of volcanic rock. Take in sweeping vistas from two viewing platforms.

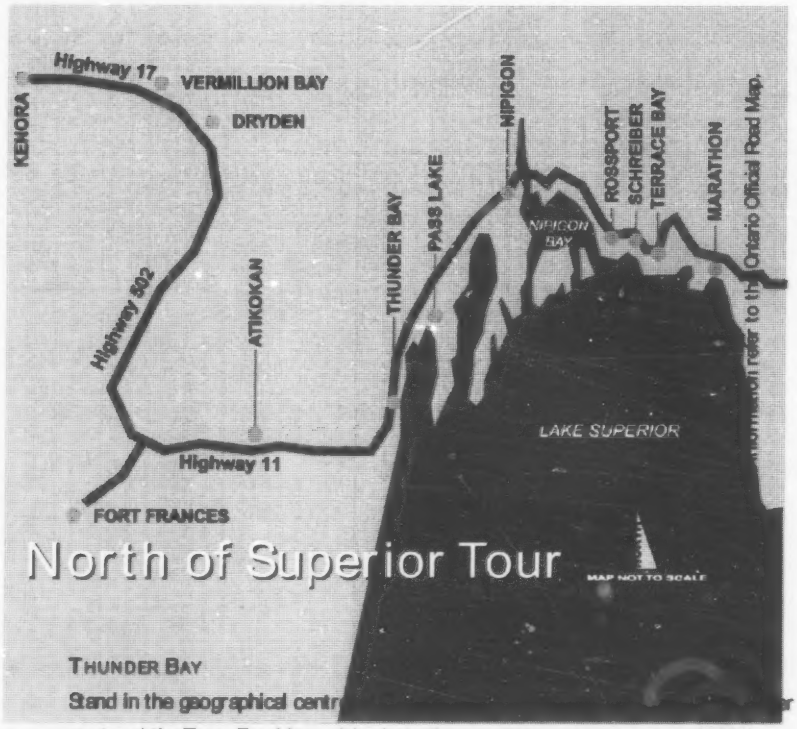
### PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

**TERRACE BAY**

**The Glacial Terraces** were created more than 20,000 years ago as glacial meltwater carved out new drainage patterns in the Lake Superior basin. As the lake level gradually lowered, a succession of flat terraces separated by escarpments and cliffs was revealed. Highway 17 between Cartier Road and Selkirk Avenue.

**SCHREIBER**

**Japanese-Canadian Road Camps** were set up between Schreiber and Jackfish to house Japanese-Canadian labourers who were sent to work on the Trans-Canada Highway after being forcibly evacuated from British Columbia during the Second World War. Scotia and Winnipeg streets.




THUNDER BAY

Stand in the geographical centr

port and the Terry Fox Memorial, where the courageous young man ended his Marathon of Hope. Experience the daily life of an Ojibwa, a European trader and a French voyageur at Old Fort William, reconstructed to its 1815 appearance. The fort encompasses 42 historic buildings on 8 hectares (20 acres), and features costumed interpreters, voyageur feasts, canoe rides and traditional food.

Take your pick of the Paipoonge Museum, the Thunder Bay Historical Society Museum or the Thunder Bay Military Museum. Looking for a unique keepsake? Pick up an amethyst, Ontario's official gemstone, at the Amethyst Mine Panorama. Tour the Thunder Bay Agate Mine, which features the world's largest agate. Thunder Bay is dotted with 17 Ontario Heritage Foundation provincial plaques that highlight the interesting people and events that made this community a crossroads for mining, fur trading, shipping and rail traffic. Follow the Mountain Portage Hiking Trail to experience the route the early voyageurs took to get around the falls at Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park, located west of Thunder Bay.

ATIKOKAN

Called "Caribou bones" by its original settlers, the Ojibwa, Atikokan and its surroundings were transformed into a mining town. In 1938, a large amount of iron

ore was discovered beneath Steep Rock Iron Lake (see Provincial Plaques). Tour the Atikokan Centennial Museum and Historical Park and the Native Friendship Centre, and view ancient Aboriginal rock paintings at the Pictograph Gallery. Northwest of town is White Otter Castle, marked with an Ontario Heritage Foundation provincial plaque. This three-storey log house (featuring a tower and 26 original windows that were brought in by canoe) was built single-handedly by James Alexander McOuat in the early 1900s, and can be accessed by boat or by chartered plane from Atikokan and Ignace. Paddle unspoiled canoe routes, fish for walleye, bass and lake trout, camp under the stars and wonder at amazing pictographs on rock faces at Quetico Provincial Park, one of Ontario's oldest and largest parks.

### Fort Frances

This major tourist centre, bordering on International Falls, Minnesota, boasts a strong Native and fur-trading history (see Provincial Plaques). Admire locally made arts and crafts at the Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre, which explores the history of the Rainy River district.

### Dryden

Get your photo taken with Dryden mascot Max the Moose, 18 feet (5.4 metres) tall and weighing 9 tons. Visit the Dryden and District Museum and tour a local pulp and paper mill.

### Kenora

Kayak, sail, bike or fish in Kenora, atop the northern end of Lake of the Woods. Relax on a cruise of the large inland lake and pass through "Devil's Gap," a point where voyageurs once left offerings to the spirits. Visit the Lake of the Woods Museum and picnic at Rushing River Provincial Park. Tour the historic Mather-Walls House (1889). Owned by the

### Nipigon

**The Nipigon Canoe Route** connected Lake Superior with James Bay via Lake Nipigon and the Albany River. During the 1600s and 1700s, French furtraders built trading posts along the route to divert trade from British establishments on James Bay. Lake Helen Park near the river, Highway 11, north of Nipigon.

### Thunder Bay

**The Union of the North West and Hudson's Bay Companies** (1821) ended the long-standing rivalry between the fur-trading interests that controlled the St. Lawrence River and Hudson Bay, the two great waterways giving access to the interior of North America. At the visitor's reception building, Old Fort William.

### Atikokan

**Steep Rock Iron Range** produced more than 36 million tons of iron ore from the earth beneath Steep Rock Lake. Burns and Main streets.

### Fort Frances

**Lac La Pluie House** was established in 1818 by the Hudson's Bay Company. Renamed Fort Frances in 1830, it served as an important supply depot for westward expeditions and for early settlers to the area. At the original site of the fort, 145 Third Street West.

### Vermillion Bay

**Last Spike at Feist Lake** near Dryden was hammered in on June 18, 1882, connecting Thunder Bay to Red River by rail, providing an all-Canadian connection to British Columbia. The first shipment of western grain was made in 1883. Highway 17 at Little Joe Lake.

Ontario Heritage Foundation, this Queen-Anne-style home contains turn-of-the-century furnishings from the Walls family and a display highlighting the impact that the Mather family members had on the community (they introduced the telephone, sawmills and the Presbyterian Church to the area). *See feature on page 20.*

***While you're in the area, visit:***

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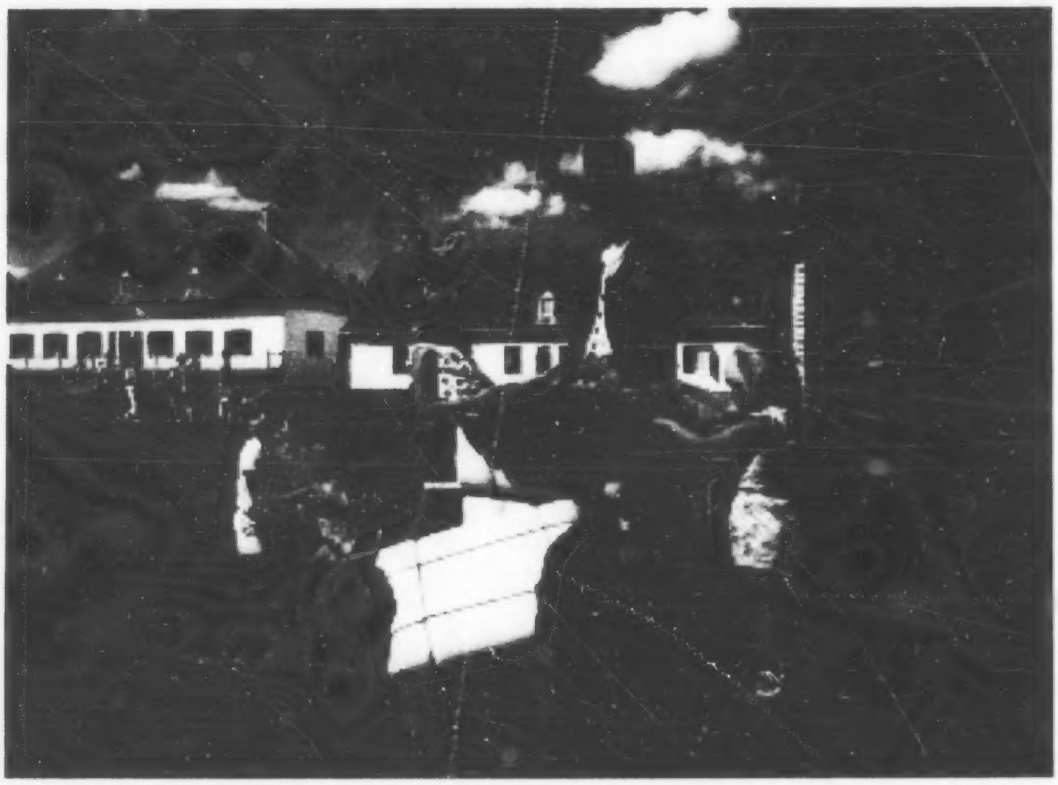
| *Ear Falls* | Ear Falls and District Museum |
| | Pakwash Provincial Park |
| *Red Lake* | Woodland Caribou Provincial Park |
| *Sioux Lookout* | Access to northern fly-in communities |
| | Englehart and Area Historical Museum |
| *Sandy Lake* | Opasquia Wilderness Park (by air only) |
| *Peawanuck* | Polar Bear Provincial Park (by air only) |

Fort William, Thunder Bay



# PROVINCIAL PLAQUES

Provincial plaques make Ontario's history come alive by telling stories of the people, places, events, sites and structures that helped shape our province. The plaques are a familiar sight throughout Ontario – look for their royal-blue background, gold lettering and Ontario coat-of-arms.

Many people discover plaques when they're out hiking or exploring new neighbourhoods. Others find them by following highway signs that alert travellers to sites marked by plaques. Whether you discover them by happy coincidence or make a special trip, you'll be rewarded by learning something of interest about Ontario's history.

The range of subjects commemorated is impressive – from mining rushes to the invention of the socket head screw, from economist Harold Innis to humourist Stephen Leacock, from the typhus epidemic of 1847 to the discovery of insulin. Popular culture is also well represented: "Beautiful Joe" commemorates an internationally successful novel about a beloved dog; "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" celebrates a famous romantic ballad; "Jumbo" marks the spot where the famous circus elephant died.

The provincial plaque program is the Foundation's oldest and best known heritage commemorative activity. Over 1,100 plaques have been erected, including 22 in England, Europe and the United States. The Foundation has also helped communities erect almost 300 markers across Ontario through its local marking program.

For more information about the provincial plaque and local marking programs, and how you can support these initiatives, visit *www.heritagefdn.on.ca*.

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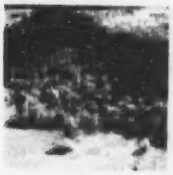


# ONTARIO'S NATURAL HERITAGE

*Thousand-year-old cedar trees clinging to rock-cliffs ...*

*Tranquil forests sheltering endangered species ...*

*Lush marshes providing refuge for nesting waterfowl ...*

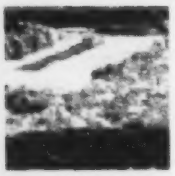
Ontario's natural heritage is rich and diverse.

By partnering with individuals and organizations to protect natural heritage areas, the Ontario Heritage Foundation raises public awareness about conservation. We have helped to conserve 14,400 hectares (35,584 acres) of wetlands, Carolinian forests and tallgrass prairies, as well as rugged areas on the Canadian Shield and the spectacular Niagara Escarpment.

In Ontario, the Niagara Escarpment extends 725 kilometres (451 miles), from Queenston in the Niagara Peninsula to Tobermory at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula. The Bruce Trail, Canada's longest footpath, runs the length of the escarpment.

The escarpment's unusual geological formations – compressed layers of shale, sandstone, limestone and dolomite formed over millions of years – are its most dramatic features. Hikers treasure the escarpment's impressive variety of delicate ferns and orchids, and the gnarled, thousand-year-old cedars that grow on the face of its steep cliffs. In 1990, the United Nations designated the Niagara Escarpment a World Biosphere Reserve.

Along with partners, including the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Bruce Trail Association (BTA), the Foundation makes a significant contribution to protecting the escarpment. We help acquire parkland, accept donations and promote wise stewardship of privately-owned land. The Foundation owns 59 properties along the Bruce Trail, and the BTA manages the sites through its local clubs.



## A Living Legacy

For more information about the Ontario Heritage Foundation's natural heritage properties and its conservation activities, contact: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# HERITAGE AND TOURING CONTACTS

Now that you've discovered Ontario's diverse heritage, you'll want to visit these Web sites and contact the following associations for additional information.

## WEB SITES

Ontario Heritage Foundation
www.heritagefdn.on.ca
(click on 'Heritage Links')

Archives Association of Ontario (AAO)
www.fis.utoronto.ca/people/affiliated/aao/index.htm

Archaeology Net
http://archnet.uconn.edu/

Canada's National History Society
www.historysociety.ca/

Canadian Archaeological Association
www.canadianarchaeology.com/

Canadian Heritage Information Network
www.chin.gc.ca/

Federation of Ontario Naturalists
www.ontarionature.org/

Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation
www.ontariotravel.net
(Extensive tourism information on Ontario attractions, accommodations, events, on-line publications, etc.)

Ontario East Tourism Association
www.ontarioeast.com

Ontario Métis Aboriginal Association
www.omaa.org/

Ontario Museum Association
www.museumsontario.com

Ontario Travel Information
www.travelinx.com OR www.ontariotravel.net

Ontario 2000
www.ontario2000.on.ca

Rideau Heritage Route
www.rideau-info.com/heritageroute

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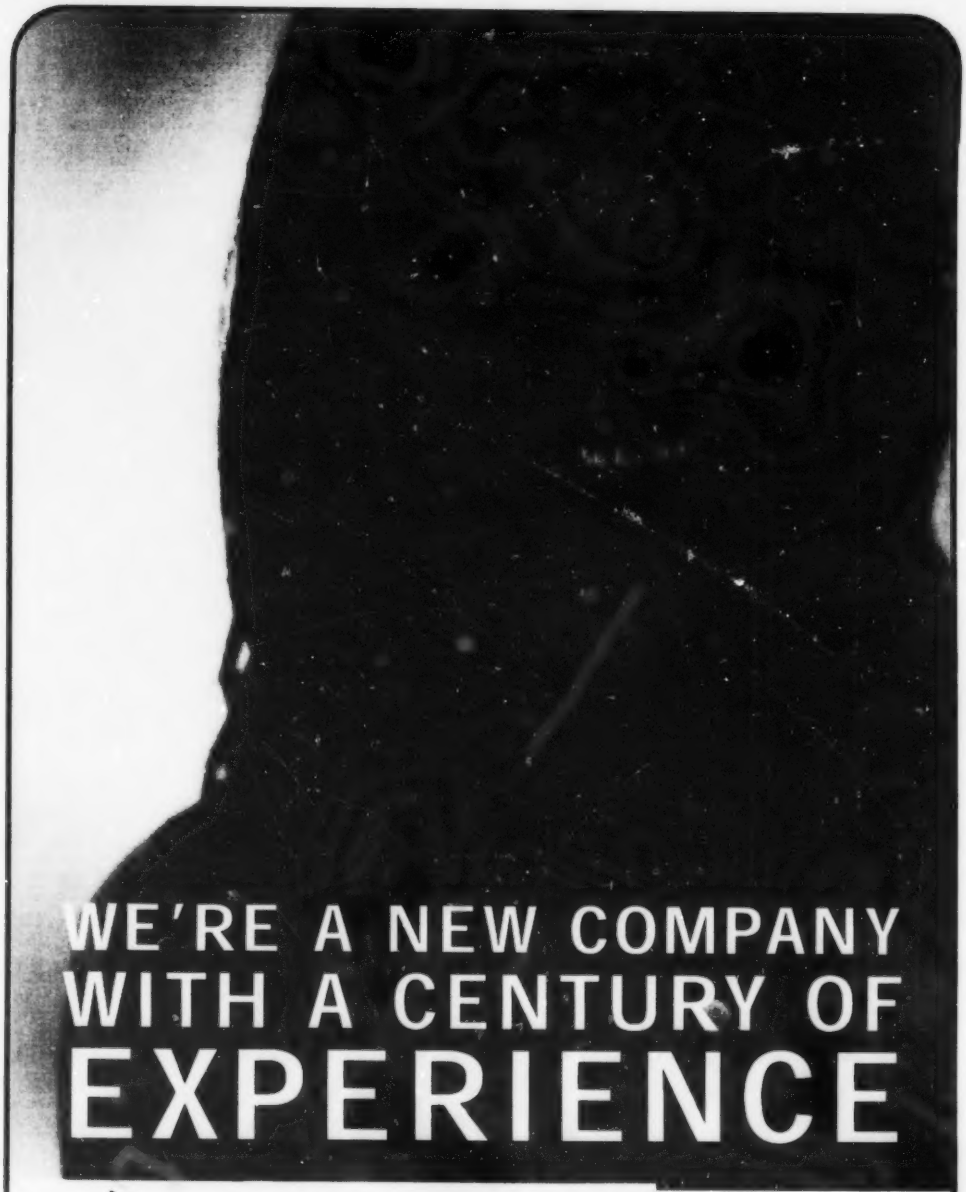

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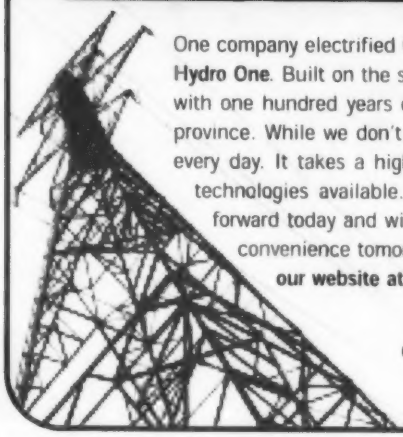

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